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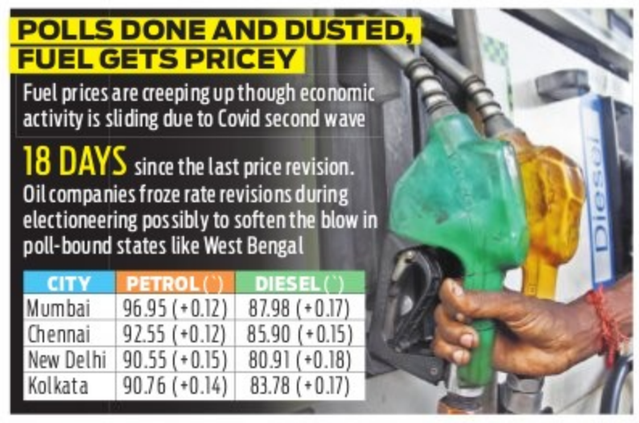

POLLS DONE AND DUSTED, FUEL GETS PRICEY

Fuel prices are creeping up though economic activity is sliding due to Covid second wave

18 DAYS since the last price revision. Oil companies froze rate revisions during electioneering possibly to soften the blow in poll-bound states like West Bengal

CITY	PETROL (`)	DIESEL (`)
Mumbai	96.95 (+0.12)	87.98 (+0.17)
Chennai	92.55 (+0.12)	85.90 (+0.15)
New Delhi	90.55 (+0.15)	80.91 (+0.18)
Kolkata	90.76 (+0.14)	83.78 (+0.17)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

BENGALURU COVID-19 HELPLINE 1912

BBMP ZONAL 24/7 HELPLINE NUMBERS				
	East Zone	080-25355100	Bommanahalli Zone	8884666670
	West Zone	080-68248454	Yelahanka Zone	9480685964
	South Zone	8431816718	R.R. Nagar Zone	080-28601050
	Mahadevpura Zone	080-23010101/23010102	Dasarahalli Zone	080-29590057/29635904/5906

To report illegal sale of Remdesivir and Oxygen, as well as for complaints regarding allocation of hospital beds, call helpline 112

Shri B. S. Yediyurappa
Hon'ble Chief Minister

For information : Covid related queries, Covid Testing Centers, Covid Vaccination Centers, Medical Advice on Covid Symptoms call APTHAMITHRA Helpline 14410

For emergency cases, Ambulance facility and Inter -Hospital shifting of COVID-19 patients, call Helpline 108

Mask Up KARNATAKA

If you are above 18 years, get yourself vaccinated voluntarily.

To register for the COVID-19 vaccination, visit www.cowin.gov.in

karnataka information
Department of Information and Public Relations

No curfew extension for now

CM says decision on extending curbs or imposing full lockdown will be taken later, K'taka to import 5 lakh vials of Remdesivir

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AT a time when hospitals are running out of oxygen and fresh Covid-19 cases in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities are seeing a surge, fueling speculation over a possible extension of the existing Corona Curfew, CM B S Yediyurappa on Tuesday said that curbs already in place will continue for now. The state is under a strict 'close down' till May 12 with a six-hour daily window.

Addressing the press after a crucial emergency Cabinet meeting, Yediyurappa said a decision on extension of the restrictions or a complete lockdown will be taken at a later stage. For now, the State Government is concentrating on removing hurdles in Covid-19 resource management.

A miffed Yediyurappa is said to have lashed out at ministers in the cabinet meeting for failing to stay in the districts they are in charge of during this public health crisis. Yediyurappa's government has come under severe public scrutiny, especially after 24 people — 23 of them Covid-19 patients — died in Chamarajanagar. To manage the crisis better, the CM has appointed five senior ministers of his cabinet and entrusted them with specific responsibilities.

"Jagadish Shettar will be in charge of oxygen centres and will coordinate with the Central Government to see that there is no shortage of oxygen. Deputy CM Dr C N Ashwath Narayan will coordinate with all medical colleges in the state and see to it that there is no shortage of Remdesivir doses and human resources. Ministers Basavaraj Bommai and R Ashok will look into the requirement of beds in government and private hospitals and medical colleges while Aravind Limbavali will be in charge of the BBMP War Room and ensure smooth connectivity for helplines," he said. **P5**

In the cabinet, we discussed the immediate need for increased oxygen supply to the state. After our request, the Union Government increased allocation from 350 tons to 850 tons per day.

B S Yediyurappa, Chief Minister

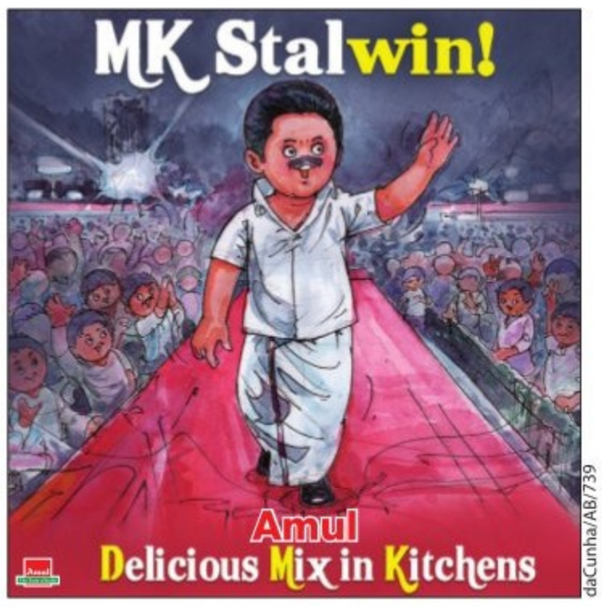
As Bengaluru's demand for oxygen peaks, a group of people are seen trying to transport an oxygen cylinder on a two-wheeler, in Bengaluru on Tuesday | SHRIRAM BN

NATIONWIDE	MAY 3	MAY 4
Fresh cases	3,68,147	3,57,229
Recoveries	3,00,732	3,20,289
Deaths	3,417	3,449

STATEWIDE	MAY 3	MAY 4
Fresh cases	44,438	44,631
Recoveries	20,901	24,714
Deaths	239	292

K'TAKA SECOND WAVE BATTLE

- BBMP's 'on-sale' hospital bed allocation system exposed
- **State Govt postpones PU-II exams in light of rising Covid cases**
- Bengaluru Urban district reports a whopping 20,870 cases in one day
- **State Govt says journalists to be considered as frontline workers**



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Day after 24 deaths, it's DC vs DC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

A day after horror unfolded at the Chamarajanagar District Hospital, the sequel expectedly came by way of an ugly blame game between authorities. The buck has to stop somewhere -- and the Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner, Dr M R Ravi, declared that it stopped with his Mysuru counterpart. Rohini Sindhuri, Deputy Commissioner of Mysuru, was responsible for the tragedy for allegedly holding up timely supply of oxygen cylinders, he claimed.

The Chamarajanagar DC has come under fire for the hospital tragedy which saw the deaths of 24 Covid-19 patients, for alleged scarcity of oxygen. The three districts of Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar get their oxygen supplies from The Southern Gas Ltd and Padaki Industrial Gases in Mysuru. Officials from Chamarajanagar usually go with trucks and wait long hours to refill cylinders which are less than the allotted quota. This is, apparently, because the suppliers have been told to meet Mysuru's requirements on a priority, over the other two districts.

Responding to the claims of the Mysuru DC that supply of 250 oxygen cylinders were ensured to Chamarajanagar, DC Ravi issued a press statement on Tuesday, refuting her claims. "How can such a tragedy occur when they claim to have sent 250 cylinders," he questioned. "Sixty six oxygen cylinders reached the district around 1.30 pm on Sunday when the liquid medical oxygen (LMO) storage tank got exhausted. We received another 65 cylinders from private vendors," Ravi said.

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CHAMARAJANAGAR LIMPING TO NORMAL

A day after 24 patients died due to lack of oxygen in Chamarajanagar, the district is limping back to normal amidst adequate supplies of oxygen, and patients getting admitted at the district hospital.

14 killed in turf fight after Bengal verdict

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

HOURS after trends showed Trinamool Congress' landslide victory in West Bengal on Sunday, the state convulsed under post-poll violence wave — from Sitalkuchi in the north to Sonarpur in South 24 Parganas — that left at least 14 people dead, including two women.

While the BJP claimed seven of the victims were its supporters, the Trinamool counted six of the deceased as its workers.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi called Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar and inquired about the situation. BJP president J P Nadda met the families of the victims to express solidarity.

BJP leader Kailash Vijayvargiya alleged that over 4,000 houses were ransacked and at least 100 shops were looted. The party also alleged that two of its booth agents were gang-raped, but there was no confirmation from the police.

Trinamool spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said in most of the cases, the deaths were a result of the BJP's factionalism between old workers and turncoats. "In some places, the BJP's provocation triggered public anger," he claimed.

A worker of the Indian Secular Force, a partner of the Left Front, was killed in Bhangar, South 24 Parganas.

In Kolkata's Kankurgachi, slain BJP worker Abhijit Sarkar's mother alleged that her son was beaten to death by Trinamool supporters.

Shovarani Mondal, a woman in her mid-60s, was allegedly killed at Jagaddal in North 24 Parganas, when she tried to protect her BJP worker son from being dragged away. In Sitalkuchi, 19-year-old Manik Baidya was shot dead by alleged Trinamool supporters.

The Trinamool alleged that two of their supporters, Saju Khan and Bivas Bag, were beaten to death by BJP supporters in Jamalpur, East Burdwan, for shouting 'Jay Bangla'. In Hooghly, Trinamool worker Debu Pramanik was hacked to death at his home. Another party man Ganesh Mandal was killed at Raina, East Burdwan. **P10**

BJP national president J P Nadda meets kin of victims in Sonarpur | PTI

IPL suspended after Covid-19 cases in bubble

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE inevitable has happened. The Indian cricket board (BCCI) postponed the Indian Premier League indefinitely. Just over a week ago, this newspaper had suspended its coverage of the IPL due to the pandemic and the devastation it has been causing in the country. It had said, the timing of the tournament was not right.

And over the past week, ever since the teams moved from Chennai and Mumbai, there has been anxiety among the players and support staff. It even led to players' pull-out and even Ravichandran Ashwin took a break to be with his family who had the infection.

But after two players in Kolkata Knight Riders and two support staff in Chennai Super Kings tested positive, the BCCI was still looking at shifting the IPL to Mumbai. But after Wriddhiman Saha tested positive for Covid-19 at the Sunrisers Hyderabad's camp, the board was forced to suspend it indefinitely. "These are difficult times, especially in India, and while we have tried to bring in some positivity and cheer, however, it is imperative that the tournament is now suspended and everyone goes back to their families and loved ones in these trying times," the IPL said in a statement.

While England, South Africa and New Zealand players and support staff will take charter flights soon, the Australian contingent is left stranded because of stringent policy of their government for those who return from India. Some Indian players have left for home.

Raise oxygen cap for state: HC to Centre

Bengaluru: The Karnataka High Court has granted time till Wednesday morning to the Centre to decide about increasing the cap on allocation of oxygen and Remdesivir to the state, keeping in mind the deaths of patients owing to a lack of both. **P4**

Delhi HC show-cause notice to Union Govt

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Tuesday directed the Union Government to show cause as to why contempt proceedings should not be initiated against it for failing to comply with the order on supply of life-sustaining oxygen to Delhi for treating Covid-19 patients. **P9**

NO OXYGEN LIFELINE, 14 MORE DIE IN K'TAKA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi, Kalaburagi, Hubballi, Bengaluru

CLOSE on the heels of the 24 Covid deaths in Chamarajanagar due to shortage of oxygen, at least 14 more such cases were reported from various parts of the state on Tuesday. Even as the deaths were attributed to oxygen shortage and messages went viral on social media, the authorities have remained in denial that the life saving gas was in short supply.

Five Covid-19 patients, who were on oxygen support, died at a private hospital in Hubballi on Tuesday evening. The family members of deceased have alleged shortage of oxygen, but District Health Officer Dr Yashwant Madinkar insisted that there is no shortage of supply in the district.

In Kalaburagi, four Covid-19 patients died in a span of 24 hours at the Afzalpur Taluk Government Hospital, Kalaburagi district. **P4**

Kolar DC Dr Selvamani and SP Karthick Reddy at the Wistron facility | EXPRESS

Wistron unit shut after 60 test positive

V VELAYUDHAM @ Kolar

TAIWANESE iPhone contract manufacturer Wistron Corporation has shut its Narasapura unit in the district for seven days after about 60 employees tested positive for Covid-19. The unit has halted all work from May 1 to 7 on the instructions of Kolar Deputy Commissioner Dr Selvamani.

The DC, along with Kolar Superintendent of Police Karthick Reddy and other district officials, visited the factory and instructed the health officials to test employees. Sources said the company has asked all employees to get tested and submit Covid negative reports before resuming work on May 8.

The DC has also asked all industrial units in Vemgal and Narasapura industrial area to ensure safety of workers and to disinfect their premises regularly. She also said the district health officer has been instructed to visit all the units regularly and submit reports.

Chorus for lockdown grows louder

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

A day after CII president Uday Kotak called for a national lockdown to break the chain of transmission of coronavirus, many corporate leaders came forward to support the idea saying it is alright to take an economic hit to save lives. However, health experts are divided over the effectiveness of such a move at this stage.

"Saving lives is more important than producing steel. Production can suffer as long as the country is in need of any resource available with the company," said Sajjan Jindal, managing director of JSW Group, which supplies liquid oxygen to hospitals.

Another corporate leader, who did not wish to be named, said India's healthcare system is stretched to its limits. "At this point in time, saving lives is more important than economic activities. Suspending non-essential business activities and a complete lockdown for two weeks is the only way out," he said.

Real estate tycoon Niranjan Hiranandani said, "A complete economic lockdown will cast a dark shadow on the economy and lead to more fatalities due to increased unemployment."

Rohit Poddar, MD, Poddar Housing and Development Ltd, too feels a lockdown will have a drastic impact on the economy. "The need of the hour is to strike a balance between a full lockdown and allowing business operations to prevent a downward trajectory of the economy," he said. **P9**

People waiting to refill oxygen at Babbar Gas Plant in Kanpur, UP on Tuesday | PTI

EXPRESS READ

Twitter suspends Kangana's account

New Delhi: Twitter on Tuesday said it has permanently suspended Bollywood actor Kangana Ranaut's account for repeatedly violating the platform's rules. "We've been clear that we will take strong enforcement action on behavior that has the potential to lead to offline harm," a Twitter spokesperson said on Tuesday.

Bill and Melinda Gates to get divorced

Seattle: The Microsoft co-founder and his wife said they would continue to work together at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the world's largest private charitable foundation. In identical tweets, they said that they had made the decision to end their marriage of 27 years. "We have raised three incredible children and built a foundation that works all over the world to enable all people to lead healthy, productive lives," they said in a statement, seeking space and privacy during this period. **P11**

ALMANAC TODAY
• **Wednesday :** 05/05/2021 • **Year:** Plava • **Ayana:** Uttharayana
• **Ritu:** Vasantha • **Masa:** Chaitra • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Navami 5.01 pm
• **Nakshatra:** Dhanishta 12.52 pm • Moon in Meena Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm
• **Gulikakala:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am

WEATHER
MIN 22°C | MAX 33°C
FORECAST
Showers late. Afternoon clouds

Sunrise 5.57 am
Sunset 6.35 pm
Moonrise 1.48 am
Moonset 1.39 pm

Volunteers from an NGO distribute food and water to passengers waiting for trains at the City Railway Station in Bengaluru on Tuesday | SHRIRAM BN

Staffers detained, bag sanitisation stops at rly stns

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

FIVE individuals manning the ultraviolet baggage scanners at Yesvantpur Station and KSR Railway Station were hauled off to the Government Railway Police (GRP) station by Additional Director General of Police, Railways, Bhaskar Rao. It later bore out that it was due to unfamiliarity with procedures in place for passenger safety.

The incident, which occurred on Monday morning, ensured stoppage of baggage sanitisation for all passengers until evening. The scanners were installed to assure passengers that any Covid infection present on baggage would not be carried into trains.

Just like other railway divisions, Bengaluru Division too launched UV baggage scanners as a safety measure. KSR Railway Station has two scanners, one launched a week ago near the passenger reservation office, and another on Platform 8, launched six months ago. Cantonment and Yesvantpur stations too have a scanner each.

"It was free of cost initially, to popularise it with the public, but now this is a paid service. It costs Rs 10 per baggage," a top railway official said. The sticker 'Optional' is put up on the scanners.

Street Wall Ads Pvt Limited was given the contract at Yesvantpur and KSR stations. Rao, who visited the station on Monday and saw the scanner, felt the public should not be charged for it during the pandemic, said individuals familiar with the matter.

The three staffers in charge were detained at the GRP Station on Platform 6, as were two staffers from Yesvantpur station. "They were detained from around 10 am to 5 pm and not allowed to even step out for food," a source said.

Railway officials had a tough time convincing the ADGP that this was a contract entered into in writing with a private party, and had the approval of the Railway Board. They produced physical documentation as proof.

Asked about it, Rao conceded that he had stopped the scanning. "They were charging Rs 10 per baggage when it should have been optional." When pointed out that the word 'Optional' referred to scanning and not payment, he said, "I was not intimated about this system by anyone."

The ADGP also said that it was being operated though the liquid in the scanner had run out. "The scanners use only in-built ultraviolet light and not any liquid," said a person familiar with its working.

City hospitals face O_2 shortage, send SOS

• Seek immediate supply of oxygen from the BBMP • Hospitals told to inform civic body about oxygen capacity

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

A DAY after three hospitals were on the verge of running out of oxygen and 24 Covid patients died without oxygen at Chamarajanagar District Hospital, Rajmahal Vilas Hospital in Sanjayanagar, Bengaluru wrote to the BBMP seeking an immediate supply of oxygen. "Universal Air Products is our vendor and despite our repeated request, has not supplied liquid oxygen and we are personally going to the factory to get bulk type and B type cylinder filled up. Even this is taking a couple of days to get delivery. In this scenario, managing 30-plus Covid patients (both BBMP and private) is becoming a challenge," the hospital said in a letter to Dr Vedavathy, BBMP East Zone official.

Of the 30 patients here, 12 need continuous oxygen. The hospital's daily consumption is 130-140 litres and they need 230 metric tonnes that will last five to six days. "We have three cylinders left for today. If we get five more, we can last two more days. We went to the Universal Air plant on Monday for oxygen, but they asked us to return on Tuesday," said Karthik Shekar, coordinator of the hospital.

Abiramm Hospital on Hosur Road, faced with oxygen shortage, stopped admitting patients even though they had beds. The hospital said that the BBMP is suppling oxygen cylinders to the hospital after sourcing them from private vendors, but the process is extremely slow.

"With the shortage of oxygen, we will see deaths of Covid patients. We are denying admission because of lack of oxygen. The private vendor took back 30 cylinders from us to give to BBMP. We have only 10 left. We need 40 cylinders a day for 20 patients," said hospital MD Dr Uday Kumar, adding that serious patients coming for CT scan also need oxygen at the OPD.

Hospitals in Yelahanka zone too faced shortage of oxygen on Tuesday. This has been the situation for the last two weeks for nearly 15 hospitals. "Private suppliers do not have enough oxygen and the requirement is huge as the number of patients on ventilators is increasing," said Dr Shankarnarayan, Indian Medical Association head, Yelahanka branch.

TNIE forwarded the oxygen requests of these hospitals to Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar's office and they arranged for it.

Oxygen cylinders being taken for refilling from Mathru Hospital in Bengaluru on Tuesday | VINODKUMAR T

BMRCL sets up 100-bed CCC for employees

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has set up a Covid Care Centre (CCC) to take care of its Covid-affected staffers and 8,000-strong contract workforce. Hotel Ekaa on Hosur Road, near Kudlu Gate, has been converted into a 100-bed CCC, while Jaishree Multi-Speciality Hospital in the vicinity will offer 24/7 care for patients. An official release said, "This CCC is equipped with oxygen concentrators and oxygen cylinders. BMRCL has tied up with nearby hospitals to shift patients if they require critical care," it said.

IAF to start CCC from tomorrow

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is setting up a 100-bed Covid treatment facility in Bengaluru. The IAF has deployed its fleet of transport aircraft to ensure oxygen and medical supplies within India and from abroad. The facility at the Air Force Station in Jalahalli, with the first 20 beds, will be operational on May 6 with oxygen concentrators. After the state government ensures oxygen availability, the remaining 80 beds will be made operational by May 20. "Of the total 100 beds, there will be 10 ICU beds and 40 beds with piped oxygen and the remaining 50 beds will have oxygen concentrators," said a statement issued by the Ministry of Defence in Bengaluru.

Hospitals should take patients based on their O_2, bed capacity: Gaurav Gupta

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

WITH city hospitals continuing to face a severe shortage of oxygen and beds, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta on Tuesday said that hospitals should admit patients only based on their capacity to take care of these needs.

He said that big hospitals which have oxygen tanks are facing lesser problems than smaller hospitals which stock oxygen cylinders. He said earlier hospitals needed the oxygen stock once or twice a week, but now they need it twice a day. "My suggestion to hospitals would be to take in patients based on their capacity. Hospitals must also tell us what their oxygen capacity is and how much more they need. We are conducting a survey of the stocks, capacity and patient strength. We are also checking the capacity and stocks of oxygen refillers and their supplies to hospitals," he said.

Whoever is positive and has mild or no symptoms can start with basic medication, he said, and added, "The list of medicines has been made known to all. They are basic medicines which are easily available at any pharmacy. If patients can purchase, they should start on these medicines and if they cannot, they should inform tele-callers, who will arrange for medicines to be supplied. Timely and early medication will help reduce the infection and also the rush at hospitals and need for oxygen."

On Remdesivir, he said that there is no shortage of the drug at government hospitals. At private hospitals too, government-referred patients are being given the supplies. For patients admitted under private quota, hospitals should upload their data every day on the government portal to get the medicine.

A Covid Care Centre at Koramangala Sports Complex is almost ready to open its doors | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

Two patients succumb due to lack of oxy

ENS @Bengaluru

A 45-year-old woman and 58-year-old man, both Covid patients, died on Tuesday due to the lack of oxygen at Arka Hospital in Yelahanka New Town. The patients were admitted on Monday evening.

BBMP Health Officer of Yelahanka Dr Bhagyalakshmi said, "The patients had comorbidities and were in critical condition when they reached the hospital." The hospital was expecting oxygen from their supplier on Monday but didn't get any. "We have filed an FIR against the hospital," she added.

Joint Commissioner of Yelahanka zone, Ashok, told TNIE *that* Universal Air Products and Pai Air company, who were the hospital's vendors, did not have oxygen. "One of the patients' oxygen saturation level was at 50 and the other's was at 40 when they came we admitted. We later arranged for oxygen from nearby hospitals," he said.

Zoo Authority wants jab for all its staff members

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

AFTER eight Asiatic lions at the Nehru Zoological Park in Hyderabad tested positive for coronavirus, officials of the Zoo Authority of Karnataka have appealed to deputy commissioners of all districts in the state to get all zoo staffers vaccinated, irrespective of their age.

"It is very alarming. All Central Zoo Authority guidelines are being followed. At present, there is a lockdown in the state ... so no one is visiting the zoos. We are now asking the district administration heads across the state to vaccinate all staffers above the age of 18," B P Ravi, Director, Zoo Authority of Karnataka, told *The New Indian Express*.

He said that a request has also been made to the government in this regard.

A discussion with heads of zoos in other states is also being held to understand the cause of the infection and know what best measures they are taking.

R Gokul, in-charge Executive Director, Bannerghatta Biological Park, said, "We are not sure if there is any vaccine for animals ... It is important for the staffers to be safe and get vaccinated as they are in touch with people at safaris, zoos and other places. The animals are, however, caged at a safe distance from zoo keepers and visitors. We are also not sure how the virus works in an open atmosphere as it is now found to be air borne. It is now important to ascertain how the lions got the virus and ensure that all care is taken here."

Staffers in Mysuru zoo said disinfectants are being sprayed across the premises.

Meanwhile, officials are now contemplating if the zoos should be opened only after the staffers are fully vaccinated and precautions are in place to ensure the safety of animals.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

05th May: Do you think the cosmos is a mysterious place? Well, here's some support for you: according to current scientific estimates only 4 percent of the known universe is governed by the laws of physics. That leaves a whopping 96 percent for which we have no explanation whatsoever. And this figure is not far short of 100 percent!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You really don't have any choice but to listen to partners. Compromise will be the greatest commodity around, and a tactical retreat in the short-term will help you win the battle in the long run. Besides, if you make suggestions to other people, they might expect you to put them into practice.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You still have a great deal of emotional power, which of course means that you also have a responsibility towards others. It is much easier than you imagine to manipulate their feelings, even unintentionally. That's why you should be careful about what you say!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You are all too prone to worries which have no basis in fact whatsoever. You may also imagine that someone is out to do you down, but realise that first thoughts, like first impressions, can often be misleading. This is not time to jump to rash conclusions.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The emotional temperature is rising. The more directed and focused you are, and the clearer your ambitions, the better off you'll be. If you are currently stumbling around in the dark, come back to reality immediately and set yourself some realistic targets.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
It's a useful day to put forward unlikely suggestions, especially if you've set your heart on a new job or promotion. There's also an increasing likelihood that you'll be taken away from home or from your usual base. Still, it might do you good to get out and about.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Amid all the hurly-burly of daily life, it's very important to pay a little extra attention to the ethical issues and moral questions. You should take the lead in enforcing higher standards not by preaching, but by setting a worthy example. Other people should do as you do, not just as you say!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
A little extra confidence will come in handy today, especially if it's time to put your foot down at home. You have put up with other people's irritating whims and foibles for far too long, but please don't sink to their level. Try to show them where they've gone wrong - with sympathy and understanding, of course.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
When all is said and done you can only do so much, and other people must recognise that even if you bend over backwards to help, it might still not do them any good. So, concentrate on what you think is important, and try to make partners see that you're not letting them down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Stay busy and recognise that collaboration is essential at work. You will have to carry colleagues with you if you are to get your own way, and if you go it alone then your options may be narrowed down. And don't worry that you're being undermined. If you do things right then you can't be touched.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Your travel stars are now extraordinarily imaginative, and getting more so by the day. In one sense this means that you should focus on adventurous plans, but also bear in mind that contacts should be forged with loved ones, friends and acquaintances overseas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Take a step back and consider all personal matters from the long-term perspective. There are broader patterns in your life, and it is only by understanding these that you will figure out current strains. It may even be that a dose of stress is good for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Business matters become more important, and you may be about to tap deep veins of entrepreneurial talent and skill, striking a few bargains and impressing other people with your totally unexpected grasp of the facts. It's amazing how your charm and winning ways can help you turn in a profit.

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

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LOCKHORNS

"FOR HERE ... IT'S DATE NIGHT."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I HOPE THAT GUY KNOWS A GOOD PLUMBER!"

SUDOKU

Evil: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

■ Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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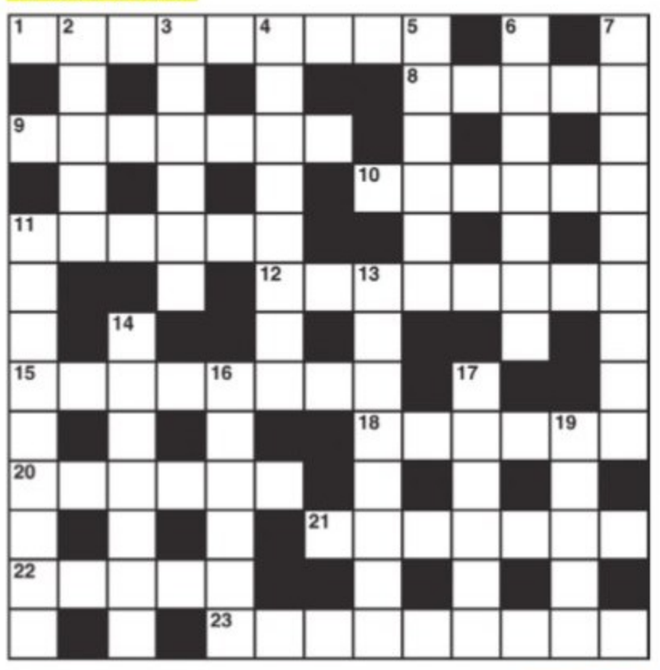
CROSS WORD



ACROSS
1 Detestable hotel, so am changing (9)
8 Open a fresh page (5)
9 May be charged with assault (7)
10 It is weighed by a craftsman (6)
11 This is something between Greece and Turkey (6)
12 A good one can always grow better (8)
15 Large tin becomes essential (8)
18 Disclose what one has to do to a dress that's too tight (3,3)
20 Tradesman seen to be unfit to occupy a high position (6)
21 Mad liar maybe, and a master of craft (7)
22 Many incline to be spotless (5)
23 Revealed a number is to be performed (9)

DOWN
2 Gold blend tea in spout (5)
3 It limits the movement of stock (6)
4 What's more odd, you've never seen him before (8)
5 With the organ study over, got paid employment (6)
6 Cleaning wood in the annex (7)
7 How orchards produce profits? (4,5)
11 It's a crime maybe but it brings some peace (9)
13 Arrived in a bundle (6,2)
14 He does nothing to hurt industry (7)
16 Reason to withdraw permit to fly (6)
17 He savagely attacked Roman civilisation (6)
19 A habit makes us grow old (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS
Across: 1 Maestro, 4 Canto, 7 Open, 8 Admonish, 10 Enterprise, 12 Buddha, 13 Libido, 15 Embankment, 18 Guardian, 19 Tomb, 20 Tunis, 21 Essence.
Down: 1 Moose, 2 Eventide, 3 Orders, 4 Chopsticks, 5 Neil, 6 Othello, 9 Archimedes, 11 Pipe down, 12 Brought, 14 Karate, 16 Table, 17 Pain.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TSEPE

GDEAA

REVANT

PLUHLI

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Print answer here:

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S: **Jumbles:** LEGAL TEETH SMOOTH CAMPUS
ANSWER: To quickly sell last season's fashions, the boutique had a – "CLOTHES-OUT" SALE

Journos in state now frontline workers, to get jab on priority

K'taka move comes after states like MP, Bengal give status to mediapersons

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

FOLLOWING a discussion in the Cabinet meeting, Karnataka joined the list of states declaring journalists as 'frontline workers'.

More than a year after the Covid-19 pandemic hit, Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on Tuesday announced that journalists in Karnataka will be considered as frontline workers and will be administered vaccines on priority.

"Our government has decided to consider journalists as frontline workers and accord priority in vaccination against Covid-19. We appeal to mediapersons, especially television journalists, to help us create awareness and avoid panic over the need for hospitalisation, oxygen, ventilators etc. You can help create awareness about who needs hospitalisation and who doesn't. During times of a public health crisis, all of us have to come together," Yediyurappa said. Since the state is facing a shortage of vaccines, inoculating journalists under the 'frontline workers' quota may take a day or two to take off.

CM BS Yediyurappa discusses Covid situation in the state at his residence on Tuesday

> **We appeal to mediapersons, especially television journalists, to help us create awareness and avoid panic over the need for hospitalisation, oxygen, ventilators etc**
>
> BS Yediyurappa, CM

The New Indian Express in its campaign had urged the Union as well as State governments to recognise journalists as frontline workers. In April this year, the Editor's Guild had even written to the Centre to acknowledge the work of journalists as frontline services.

More than 150 journalists have died due to Covid-19 while on duty in India. Karnataka joined the likes of Punjab, West Bengal, Uttarakhand, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Tamil Nadu in deeming journalists as frontline workers.

Opposition leaders as well as those from the BJP has been calling for the government to identify journalists as frontline workers and administer vaccines to them considering they report on the ground and come in close contact with Covid-19 patients and their kin apart from doctors, healthcare workers and crematorium staff.

Leader of Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah, KPCC president D K Shivakumar and others at the Chamarajanagar district hospital on Tuesday | EXPRESS

CM, health min failed, must step down: Siddu

EXPRESS NEW SERVICE @Mysuru

OPPOSITION leaders Siddaramaiah and KPCC President D K Shivakumar on Tuesday visited Chamarajanagar district hospital, called on grieving families and held a meeting with the Deputy Commissioner and health officials.

Claiming that officials had admitted that the deaths occurred due to non-availability of oxygen, Siddaramaiah said that 28 patients, and not 24, died due to lack of oxygen in hospital. He criticised Health Minister K Sudhakar for misleading people, saying that only three patients had died due to lack of oxygen beds.

He said the tragedy could have been averted if the government had prepared to address the needs of hospitals to save Covid patients. Siddaramaiah said the Chamarajanagar hospital needs 350 cylinders per day, but had received only 126 on Sunday. The truck ferrying oxygen had returned with only 50 cylinders and there was no oxygen after 2pm, following a shortage of 224 cylinders, he added. Siddaramaiah pulled up the doctors in hospital, and sought to know why only 34 beds had ventilators, as against 53 ICU beds.

Referring to Chamrajanagar DC M R Ravi's statement that the Mysuru DC had directed suppliers to give oxygen cylinders to other districts only after meeting Mysuru's requirement, he said a judicial probe should be ordered as both the Mysuru and Chamarajanagar DCs and health minister have given different statements.

He claimed that more than 50,000 people have died of Covid in the state, but the government was concealing figures. He said that that CM B S Yediyurappa and Health Minister K Sudhakar have no moral right to continue in office, and demanded that they step down.

OXYGEN SUPPLY

Sa Ra Mahesh trains guns on Mysuru DC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

A day after the Chamarajanagar tragedy, KR Nagar MLA Sa Ra Mahesh trained his guns on Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri, and alleged that the Mysuru district administration directed drug control officials to cut down oxygen supply to Chamarajanagar and Mandya. The duo have been at loggerheads for some time.

At an interaction, the MLA alleged 24 patients died due to the diktat given to oxygen vendors by the district administration, and differences between Mysuru and Chamarajanagar district officials. He also demanded an inquiry by a retired judge, besides relief to the kin of the victims.

According to him, MoUs for Chamarajanagar district hospital with two vendors in Mysuru, mandate distribution of 300-350 oxygen cylinders a day. A week ago, the Mysuru administration held a meeting where the drug controller was directed to give daily supply of 150 cylinders to Chamarajanagar and 100 to Mandya.

He also refuted claims by the district administration that 250 cylinders were supplied on Sunday, saying that Chamarajanagar got 40 cylinders by 1am Sunday, and 90 by 2.30am. He also alleged that for his constituency, KR Nagar, only 24 vials of Remdesivir were given at a time when the taluk is grappling with increasing number of cases.

'Had requested Chief Secy to resolve issue'

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"THERE was a need for 100 oxygen cylinder, but it was not delivered on time. I then contacted the vendor personally following which another 50 cylinders were delivered at 2.20 am on Monday," Ravi said.

He further added that he has conveyed this to the State Chief Secretary and sought his intervention to resolve the issue. "If the Mysuru DC had responded on time, the situation would have been under control," he insisted. Ravi also questioned under what authority Rohini Sindhuri was regulating the supply of oxygen to other districts when there is a state body and a nodal officer to monitor this. He said the government has assured supply of liquid oxygen and also buffer stock of 150 cylinders for Chamarajnagar, where there are no private hospitals. Chamarajanagar district in-charge Minister S Suresh Kumar, who visited the hospital on Monday, has also expressed displeasure over the alleged highhandedness of Rohini Sindhuri, to Chief Secretary. As of now, DCRohini Sindhuri has refused to comment on the charges stating that the government has already initiated an inquiry. She has also informed the government that there was no delay or mistake from her side in the supply of oxygen cylinders.

HC for judicial probe into Chamarajanagar deaths

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

The High Court on Tuesday indicated that it is inclined to appointing a retired HC judge to hold an inquiry under the Commission of Inquiry Act into the death of 24 patients at the Chamarajanagar District Hospital allegedly due to lack of oxygen. The division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Aravind Kumar said, "Considering the seriousness of the issue, prima facie, we are of the view that this is a fit case to hold an inquiry by appointing a retired judge of the HC." The Bench also took note of the recent deaths at Kalaburagi and other districts due to lack of oxygen.

Advocate General Prabhuling K Navadagi said that the government is serious about identifying those responsible for the incident and has no objection to a judicial inquiry. A civil servant has been appointed and a report will be available by Wednesday evening.

IPL postponed: MLC Rathod, pulled up by Cong, vindicated

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

Congress MLC Rathod, who was pulled up by state party president DK Shivakumar on Monday during a Congress Legislature Party meeting for seeking the cancellation of IPL tournament, seems vindicated as the BCCI on Tuesday called off the T20 league.

Shivakumar objected to Rathod writing an open letter on April 27, seeking that IPL be cancelled. Questioning Rathod, Shivakumar wondered whether the letter would cost the Congress the support of cricket lovers.

TNIE on April 26 had taken a committed stand to suspend all IPL coverage in the newspaper till a semblance of normalcy is restored.

Rathod had questioned, "Is it necessary to continue playing IPL games when the country is witnessing the highest number of Covid cases in the entire world?..."He had asked, " Cannot KSCA stadium be converted into a huge open field hospital?" After the BCCI announcement, Rathod told *TNIE*, "I am happy."

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Notice

Pursuant to the Notification S.O. 1630 (E) dated 15th April, 2021 wherein the Central Government has declared every Saturday as a Public Holiday for Life Insurance Corporation of India, all policy holders and other stake holders are informed that w.e.f. 10th May, 2021, all offices of Life Insurance Corporation of India will work from Monday to Friday.

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DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR
Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
Borrower : 1. R.A.S. LUCKY STEELS
Partners : 1. Sri Rehman Shariff and 2. Sri Syed Zakir
AT – Shop No. 1 & 2, New Corporation Building, N R Road Cross, Bengaluru – 560 002.
Mortgagor : Sri Rehman Shariff, S/o Mohammed Ibrahim Shariff
AT – No. 52, 8th Main, Maruthi Extension, New Guarrapanpalya, BTM 1st Stage, Bengaluru – 560 029.
Guarantor : 1. Sri Rehman Shariff, S/o Mohammed Ibrahim Shariff
AT – No. 52, 8th Main, Maruthi Extension, New Guarrapanpalya, BTM 1st Stage, Bengaluru – 560 029.
2. Sri Syed Zakir, S/o Syed Peer,
AT – No.17, 2nd Cross, Potras Colony, Kumbargundi Road, Mothinagar, Bengaluru – 560 002.
That you, M/s R.A.S Lucky Steels (Partners-1.Sri Rehman Shariff & 2. Sri Syed Zakir), have availed various loan against which there are outstanding liabilities as mentioned below. We had called upon you to clear the entire liabilities for the loans borrowed from our Branch.
You have committed default in repayment of loans as mentioned below and the loans were classified as Non Performing Assets on 30.4.2019. The Bank through this notice brings to your attention that you have failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in hereunder to the Bank within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice. The notice under Sec.13(2) of the Act sent to you by Registered Post. Ack. Due on 21.4.2021. has returned undelivered.
Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate of 12.45% per annum plus together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the bank in recovering its dues.
Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the Bank the aforesaid sum of Rs. 1,38,35,662.00 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Eight Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Two Only), together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, The Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Section 13(4). You are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets detailed below in terms of Section 13(13).
Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Loan No.	Limit	Amount	Liability as on	Rate of Interest
0410261007346	Fund Based	Rs.1,00,00,000/-	Rs. 1,38,35,662.00 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Eight Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Two Only)	12.45 % per annum

Details of Security Assests : 1) EMT of Site & Residential Building property bearing municipal No.52, 5th Cross Road, Maruthi Extension, New Gurrappan Palaya, Ward No. 64, Bengaluru – 560 029, measuring East to West 50 feet, North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1500 sq.ft, with existing building and bonded on the : East by : Road, West by : Land of Sri Vakkaligar Thayappa, North by : Property No. 3 (Old) and South by : Property No. 1 (Old). Name of Title holder : Sri Rehman Shariff, S/o Mohammed Ibrahim Shariff, AT-No. 52, 8th Main, Maruthi Extension, New Guarrapanpalya, BTM 1st Stage, Bengaluru – 560 029.
Place : Bangalore
Date : 4.5.2021
Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. E-Mail id : crmd@cityunionbank.in, Ph : 0435-2432322, Fax : 0435-2431746
RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002
The following property/ies mortgaged to City Union Bank Limited will be sold in Re-Tender-cum- Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of Rs.25,06,868/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Eight Only) as on 23-02-2021 together with further interest to be charged from 24-02-2021 onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors No.1) M/s. S L N Enterprises, No.193, Sreekardham, Next to Pilekamma Temple, Thalaghattapura, Kanakapura Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 062. No.2) Mr. K. Murali, S/o. Late Krishnappa, No.74, Naadyavartha, 4th Cross, Judicial Layout, Thalaghattapura, Bengaluru - 560 062. No.3) Mrs. K. Meghana, W/o. K. Murali, No.74, Naadyavartha, 4th Cross, Judicial Layout, Thalaghattapura, Bengaluru - 560 062.
Note : That our 148-Bengaluru Jaya Nagar Branch has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR:501812080050563) dated 27-03-2019 requested by No.1 of you represented by No.2 of you as Proprietor for which No.3 of you stood as Co-obligant and No. 2 of you stood as Guarantor for the facility for a total amount of Rs. 25,50,000/- at a ROI of 16.5%. The same has been also classified as NPA on 29-01-2020 and the outstanding balance as on 23-02-2021 is Rs.31,89,712/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Twelve Only) plus further interest and penal interest of 2.00% with monthly rests to be charged from 24-02-2021 till the date of realization.
Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mr. K. Murali, S/o. Late Krishnappa)
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site No.26, Old Khatha No.154, Present No.376, E-Khatha No. 150200300101500154, Measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 52 feet, in all measuring 2,080 sq.feet, situated at Mallasandra Grama, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk. Boundaries ; East by : Road, West by : Property Site bearing No.27, North by : Property Site bearing No.25, South by : Private Property.
Reserve Price: Rs.50,00,000/-
(Rupees Fifty Lakh Only)
RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
26-05-2021	City Union Bank Ltd., Bengaluru-Jaya Nagar Branch, No.126, 33rd Cross, 11th Main, 4th Block, Near A.V.R. Swarna Mahal Signal, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 011. Telephone Nos.080-26639771, 080-26639772, Cell Nos. 9343130500, 9341010605.

Terms and Conditions of Tender-cum-Auction Sale :
(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. (2) The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Jaya Nagar Branch, No.126, 33rd Cross, 11th Main, 4th Block, Near A.V.R. Swarna Mahal Signal, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 011. (3) The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd., together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of "City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 01.00 p.m. on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. (4) For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact Telephone Nos.080-26639771, 080-26639772, Cell Nos. 9343130500, 9341010605. (5) The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. (6) The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at 02.00 p.m. on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. (7) The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% (inclusive of EMD paid) of the sale amount immediately on completion of sale and the balance amount of 75% within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of 25% shall be forfeited. (8) The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. (9) The successful purchaser shall bear the charges / fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. (10) The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. (11) The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.
Place: Kumbakonam, Date: 03-05-2021 — Authorised Officer
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DEMAND NOTICE
Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd.(IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Name of the Borrower(s). /Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
Mr. Ravikumar M, Mr.Siva Kumar M, (Prospect No. 731856)	30-April-2021 Rs. 25,26,004.00/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Four Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being : Madivala (Bandapura) Village Marsur Post, KasabFlat No.104, on 2Nd Floor, in Block F,562106,Bangalore,Karnataka,India admeasuring 922 sq feet.

If the said Borrowers fail to make payment to IIFL HFL as aforesaid, IIFL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act, and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrowers.
For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at Branch Office : IIFL HFL "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025/or Corporate Office : IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.
Place: Bangalore Date: 05.05.2021 — Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd

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DEMAND NOTICE
UNDER SEC.13 (2) SARFAESI Act 2002
Enforcement of security interest Action Notice-In connection with the credit facilities enjoyed by the following borrowers with in the branches mentioned herein below-classified as NPA
We have to inform you that you whose Name & Address mentioned here in below had availed following credit facilities from Union Bank of India, Bengaluru- Vijayanagar Branch, offering the property, mentioned here in below. Since you have failed to repay the loan amounts as agreed by you, your following mentioned account/s has/have been classified as Non Performing Assets [NPA] as on the date mentioned herein below. The individual notice has been also already sent to you demanding the due amount
1. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Mr. Megharam Chowdhary, Residential Address :- Municipal No.20/2 having BBMP PID No.35-8-20/2, situated at 1st main Marena Halli, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040
Name of Facility Amount Due

S. No	Facility/Loan	Limits	Outstanding as on: 31.03.2021
1	HL-517606650005449	Rs.66,00,000/-	Rs.64,84,735.00 DR.
	Total	Rs.66,00,000/-	Rs.64,84,735.00 DR.

Amount Outstanding : as on 31.03.2021, Rs.64,84,735.00 (Rupees Sixty four lacs eighty four thousand seven hundred thirty five only) together with interest.
Classified as NPA as on. 31.03.2021 Demand Date : 15.04.2021
Description Of The Secured Assets: Property 1: All that piece and parcel of the eastern portion of Municipal No.20/2 having BBMP PID No.35-8-20/2, situated at 1st main Marena Halli, Vijayanagara Bangalore measuring east to west 12.5 feet and North to South 26 feet out of east to west 105 and north to south 26 feet after left passage for road, BBMP ward No.35 and building constructed thereon and bounded on : East By : Property No.8 West By : property of M. Megharam Choudhary, North By: Property of Mallanna, South By : Property of R Rajanna.
Property 2: All that piece and parcel of the western portion of New Municiapl No.20/3 having BBMP PID No.35-8-20/3, situated at 1st main Marena Halli, Vijayanagara Bangalore measuring east to west 52.5 feet and north to south 22 feet out of east to west 105 and north to south 26 feet after left passage for road, BBMP ward No.35 and building constructed thereon and bounded on : East By : Property of Mohan lal, West By : Road, North By: 4 feet passage then property of Mallanna, South By : Property of R Rajanna
2. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: 1) Mr. Manivaanan S(Proprietor of Phoenix Interactives) Office Address :- no.177/26 4th main, Industrial Town, Rajajinagar Bangalore-560044. 2) Mrs. Subhashini M(Guarantor of Phoenix Interactives) Residential Address :- No. CO2 Foot Prints Good Earth Malhara, Kadambipura kengeri Bangalore-560060.
Name of Facility Amount Due

S. No	Facility/Loan	Limits	Outstanding as on: 31.03.2021
1	517605010050107 (CC-GENERAL)	Rs.40,00,000/-	Rs.47,76,788.11 DR
2	517606350000005 (FUNDED INT. TERM LOAN)	Rs.5,05,000/-	Rs.4,04,292.80 DR
3	517606390020196 (OTHER SECURED TERM LOAN)	Rs.26,73,000/-	Rs.24,29,925.59 DR.
	Total	Rs.71,78,000/-	Rs.76,11,006 DR.

Amount Outstanding : as on 31.03.2021, Rs.76.11 lacs (Rupees Seventy six lacs and eleven thousand Only) together with interest.
Classified as NPA as on. 31.03.2021 Demand Date : 15.04.2021
Description Of The Secured Assets: Property 1: Schedule-A: All that piecea and parcel of the immovable properties bearing converted residential land vide order no.ALN(S) SR(Kengeri) 52/10-11 issued by the special Deputy commissioner, Bangalore District bearing Sy No.226 measuring 3.73 guntas and Sy No.227 measuring 3 acres 35.2 guntas situated kamblipura, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk at measuring admeasuring 3 acres 39.0 guntas East By : remaining portion of property in Sy. No.226,193 and 86, West By : Road beyond property in Sy No.228 and 229, North By : Road beyond property in Sy No.222 and 223, South By : property in Sy No.87.
Schedule-B: An undivided 1.13% share in the land comprised schedule-A property equivalent to 134/99 sq. mtrs(1453 sq. ft)in the land comprised in schedule-A property.
Schedule-C: Residential unit bearingno.CO2(unit no.25 of block B as per plan sanctioned by the BDA) Panchayath property bearing No.371/CO2/Block-B/unit No.25 Panchayath Khatha No.150200300200120046 forming part of the residential development known as "GOOD EARTH FOOD PRINTS" measuring 72.93 sq. mtrs.(785 sq. ft) of super buit-up area in the ground floor,53.88 sq. mtrs(580sq. ft) of super built up area in the first floor) measuring 126.18 sq. mtrs.(1365 sq.ft) and apportioned common area of club house measuring 2.51 sq. mtrs(27 sq. ft) in all super built up area measuring 129.32 sq. mtrs(1392 sq. ft) and together with all common rights, prilvilege and appurtenances there to along with reserved car parking mutually agreed upon and built on the schedule-A property together with absolute right, title and interest and exclusive use of land surrounding the unit measuring 43.20 sq. mtrs(465sq.ft) with one reserved car parking no.CO2. East By : unit no.1 of cluster'C' of Good Earth Food prints, West By : unit no.3 of cluster'C' of Good Earth Food prints, North By : unit no.4 of cluster'C' of Good Earth Food prints, South By : open space of Good Earth Food prints
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Date : 04.05.2021 — Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore — Union Bank of India

TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

44,631 CASES REPORTED TODAY

44,438 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

TALLY STANDS AT

TODAY 16,90,934

YESTERDAY 16,46,303

DEATHS

TODAY 292

YESTERDAY 239

DISCHARGES

TODAY 24,714

YESTERDAY 20,901

ACTIVE CASES

TODAY 4,64,363

YESTERDAY 4,44,734

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY 6.44

YESTERDAY 6.31

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY 0.97

YESTERDAY 0.98

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY 71.55

YESTERDAY 71.99

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until May 4, 2021, a total of 16,90,934 cases have been reported in 1 year and 56 days...

99,36,048 Number of people vaccinated across the state

VACCINATION DRIVE STATUS

Health care workers 1st dose	6,81,985
Health care workers 2nd dose	4,35,963
Frontline workers 1st dose	4,29,299
Frontline workers 2nd dose	1,63,375
Age 18-45 1st dose	3,268
Age 45-60 1st dose	36,01,406
Age 45-60 2nd dose	2,88,236
Above 60 1st dose	35,51,777
Above 60 2nd dose	7,80,739

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

LAST 24 HOURS

20,870 BENGALURU URBAN

996 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalakote: 676	Chamarajanagara: 528	Dakshina Kannada: 985	Hassan: 2,278	Kolar: 600	Raichuru: 817	Udupi: 556
Ballari: 1,280	Chikkaballapura: 639	Davanagere: 277	Haveri: 408	Koppala: 585	Ramanagara: 529	Uttara Kannada: 822
Belagavi: 615	Chikkamagaluru: 735	Dharwad: 647	Kalaburagi: 1,162	Mandya: 1,506	Shivamogga: 803	Vijayapura: 379
Bidar: 403	Chitradurga: 215	Gadag: 191	Kodagu: 743	Mysuru: 2,293	Tumakuru: 1,636	Yadgir: 457

WAR ROOM OPERATORS GIVE BEDS TO THOSE WHO PAY

MP, MLA, ex-corporator uncover racket in Bengaluru South, demand investigation

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COVID positive patients are struggling to get beds and some are even dying. But this shortage is not because of scarcity, but because of the corrupt system, revealed an investigation by elected representatives in Bengaluru.

Normally, a person is allocated a bed by default if she/he tests positive. But unscrupulous elements in the State Covid War Room, hand in glove with agents, are blocking beds for those who can pay high amounts of money and directing them to hospitals with vacant beds. These operators at the war room book multiple beds in the name of asymptomatic patients but do not inform them.

Once the operator gets a call, he changes the name manually as he is allowed to, and allocates the bed. He escapes scrutiny as the software that lists Covid positive patients and the other that lists those in need of beds are not linked. The person in whose name the bed is booked is left in the lurch when she/he reaches the hospital, while the one who pays the money gets the bed.

The scam was unearthed by former corporator Satish Reddy, MLA Uday Garudachar and MP Tejasvi Surya when they visited the south zone war room. They submitted a report to Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta, demanding the immediate suspension of all erring and unprofessional officials and operators.

MP Tejasvi Surya, MLAs Satish Reddy, Uday Garudachar and Ravi Subramanya arrive to meet CM B S Yediyurappa to apprise him of the scam | EXPRESS

Will order an investigation immediately, says BSY

Promising that an investigation will be ordered into allegations of a scam in the BBMP bed allocation system by his own party leaders, Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa said anyone involved will be punished. Responding to media queries over allegations of a officials-middlemen nexus in bed allocation under BBMP by Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya, Basavangudi MLA Ravi Subramanya, Chikpete MLA Uday Garudachar and Bommanahalli MLA Satish Reddy, Yediyurappa said whoever is guilty will not be spared.

The report points out that the beds are allocated only between midnight and 2.30 a.m., while none during the day. It states that exactly at midnight, bed availability is opened, at 12.01 a.m. a bed is vacant and 12.02 a.m. the same bed is occupied. In the last 10 days, over 4,000 complaints of lack of beds have been reported and some patients have even died waiting for beds.

"The task of data entry has been handed over to an agency. The agents are also giving beds to those who they know. It is not just in the south zone, but entire Bengaluru. When the bed is auto-blocked, the patient is not informed. There is no clarity as to who is admitted to which hospital and when. Every day, patients are getting discharged, some are even dying, but still there are no beds in Bengaluru. This is because some medical health officers, zonal officials, tele-callers, operators and even officials are playing mischief," Reddy said.

South Zone Commissioner Thulasi Maddineni said the issue will be probed and the BBMP Chief Commissioner will take necessary action. "Last week, an alert citizen and a patient shared details of a person demanding money. The investigation revealed that the man was not with the BBMP. An FIR was registered and he was arrested. Even in the present case, the inquiry can be conducted as there is a system in place and data logs are available," she said.

Token can stop blocking of beds, suggest officials

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

A queue system, or token system, in bed allocation will soon be introduced in Bengaluru, to address the issue of availability, shortage and need for beds. This is one of the biggest demands from all quarters, and will be adopted by the State government.

For bureaucrats, more than the challenge of Covid-19, it is managing the system and ensuring timely facilities in a seamless, streamlined and foolproof manner. They also need to assess the system and allocate beds -- ICU, HDU, oxygen and ventilator beds -- to needy patients on time.

Some bureaucrats who closely assessed the system, and members who are now part of the committee to check bed allocation anomalies, are holding closed-door meetings to correct it.

"The person who first demanded the bed is left in the lurch, while another who calls later in the day gets it. So a queue system on the bed allocation portal will be introduced. However, a room will be kept aside for emergencies," a government source told TNIE.

At a meeting with government officials, it was also pointed out that the user was using his/her ID and password, so there were cases of them using the software from their personal systems too. All machines are being white-listed and username, ID and password have to be registered, and the site is accessible only from registered computers. Access will be given only when OTP is generated to the registered number. It was also found that beds are being booked in names like war room 1 or 2. This is difficult to verify. Beds should be be booked in the name of user or doctor," sources added.

They also discussed default bed allocation, and a 5-10 hour waiting period for each patient who has tested positive. "It has been suggested that an SMS be sent with BU number to the patient, asking whether a bed is needed. The patient must promptly say yes or no, to ensure the needy are not left in the lurch," a source added.

CM pulls up officials over black market of Remdesivir

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CHIEF Minister BS Yediyurappa on Tuesday expressed displeasure over Remdesivir being sold in the black market and warned the officials of taking stern action against all those involved in it.

"I will order a comprehensive probe and you will have to face the consequences. We will not spare anyone," the Chief Minister told senior officials during a meeting called to discuss the supply of Remdesivir to the state. "We have got reports about the sale of Remdesivir in the black market. In such difficult times, it is being misused and sold in the black market. Not just one or two, many are involved in it. Everything will come out once we order probe and action will be taken against all those involved," he warned.

The CM, who held a detailed meeting with the officials, directed them not to conceal the facts and told them to take appropriate action to prevent such illegal acts. "I am not saying you are not working. What do you say about Remdesivir sold in the black market when we are facing the shortage?" the CM questioned an official who tried to explain that all officials are working day and night to tackle the situation.

The official also informed the CM that an FIR has been filed against a hospital in Vijayapura and action is being initiated against those involved in it. Cases of alleged black-marketing of Remdesivir were reported from several places, including Bengaluru, Kalaburagi, Vijayapura, and Bidar.

NOT A LIGHT BURDEN

A ward boy wheels an oxygen cylinder for a patient inside a temporary Covid Care Centre at the Adugodi Sports Complex in Bengaluru on Tuesday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

No shortage of oxygen supply, insist officials

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TWO of the patients died due to Covid-19 while two others, who were brought to the hospital in critical condition, suspected Covid-19 patients, on Monday afternoon, died in the evening. Sources said it was not possible to even take the throat swabs of two of them as they were brought in a critical condition. Officials, however, maintained that there was no shortage of oxygen in any of the hospitals in Kalaburagi district and that the district administration is rushing oxygen cylinders as soon as requests are received.

Three persons of a family died in a span of 10 days, allegedly due to shortage of oxygen in a private hospital in Belagavi where they were admitted after they had tested Covid19 positive. The deceased are Parvati Krishna Teragaon (76), her husband Krishna Bhimappa Teragaon (80) and son Prashant Teragaon (46), all from Vidya Nagar, Belagavi. Parvati died due to Covid-19 on April 24, Krishna died on April 29 and Prashant on May 3. One of the deceased was suffering from asthma, sources said.

HC sets deadline for Centre to up O_2 cap

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THE Karnataka High Court has given the Union Government time till Wednesday morning to decide on increasing the allocation of oxygen and Remdesivir to the state, keeping in mind the tragedy at Chamarajanagar where 23 people died due to lack of oxygen on Monday, and a high number of cases being reported from the State.

The court pointed out that while the State required 1,500 metric tonnes of oxygen per day, the Centre has allocated only 850 MT. The supply of Remedesevir too is only 15,800 vials as against the required 35,000 vials as on April 30, it said, adding that the Centre is meeting only 50 per cent of the State's requirement.

Not agreeing with the Union Government's counsel that the Centre has to hold consultation and would take a decision on Thursday, a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Aravind Kumar observed, "You cannot allow people to die because of shortage of oxygen. Keep aside the process and increase the cap immediately." It adjourned the hearing to Wednesday.

On the Centre's statement that the oxygen allocation has been increased from 802 MT a day to 862 MT after the court passed an order, the bench said that the Additional Chief Secretary, Health wrote to the Union Government on April 30 on the requirement of 1,792 MT of oxygen a day by May 5.

It said, "Despite two shocking incidents reported from Chamarajanagar and Kalaburagi and the State writing a letter, the Centre could not make a statement on increasing the quotas." Questioning the State as to why it has not lifted the entire quota of oxygen allocated by the Centre, the court directed the government to list out guidelines on allocating oxygen to districts and give clarity on the mechanism to supply oxygen to hospitals if there is a sudden shortage.

On allegations of petitioners that the Centre is discriminating against the State in allocating oxygen, the Court said, "We will have to consider issuing directions to the Centre to increase the quota to the state, as oxygen stocks have run out in hospitals, especially in Bengaluru."

Oxygen cylinders being refilled in Bengaluru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

You cannot allow people to die because of shortage of oxygen. Keep aside the process and increase the cap immediately

Karnataka High Court

STATE SEES HIGHEST DISCHARGES, DEATHS

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ON a day when the state saw its highest number of discharges, it also recorded the highest number of deaths on a single day even as Bengaluru's active cases crossed the 3-lakh mark.

That Bengaluru is by far the biggest Covid-19 hotspot in the state is clear from the speed with which active cases are shooting up. The city has added almost a lakh of active cases in a week. While the figure stands at 3,01,712 on Tuesday, it was 2,06,223 on April 27; 1,03,178 on April 19; and 51,236 on April 11. The active cases in the state capital were just 6,454 on March 15, when the second wave started to intensify.

Karnataka on Tuesday saw 24,714 Covid-19 patients being discharged in a day — the highest on pandemic record, a day after it recorded 20,901 discharges (third highest) and 21,149 discharges on May 2 (second highest number of discharges).

While the state's recovery rate fell to 71.55% from 71.99% the previous day, Bengaluru saw an improvement in its recovery rate — from 63.18% on Monday to 63.27% on Tuesday, with 13,946 discharges.

The state recorded its highest number of deaths in a day at 292, a day after seeing 239 deaths. The second highest number of deaths in a day was 271 on May 1, while the third highest fatalities was 270 on April 29. But Karnataka's mortality rate is well below 1% at 0.97%.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Help strengthen health infra: Dists to industries

KARTHIK K K @Mysuru

CALL it a fund crunch or the government's inability to upgrade health infrastructure, but authorities from the Old Mysuru region are now knocking on the doors of industrialists and organisations to allocate their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds to strengthen medical infrastructure amid dearth of beds, oxygen supply and medical equipment.

A day after Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta appealed to donors to help BBMP healthcare facilities procure medical equipment, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri requested industrialists to contribute generously to source medical and technical accessories to fight Covid.

She chaired a meeting with representatives of various industries and appealed to them to contribute from their CSR funds to source the equipment. "Last year, masks and sanitisers were donated under CSR funds... Now, we request them to take up the responsibility of improving medical infrastructure," she said, and urged industrialists to take the responsibility of handling Covid Mitra Centres in Mysuru. Mandya district is not only facing a shortage of beds, but also oxygen, as admitted by its in-charge minister Narayanagowda.

Mandya MP Sumalatha, after realising that there was a shortage of over 3 kilo litres of oxygen supply to hospitals in the district, announced that she will personally sponsor money to procure 2kl of oxygen per day. She took the decision as no funds were available under MP-LAD grants.

Similarly, KR Nagar MLA Sa Ra Mahesh, along with the Sa Ra Sneha Balaga, is managing a 100-bed Covid Care Centre in the taluk and has procured two ambulances paying Rs 14 lakh from his pocket which will provide free services to patients. He has also appointed three doctors paying each of them Rs 1 lakh per month to manage the CCC.

People crowd outside shops in Madikeri during curfew relaxation on Tuesday

New curfew order in Kodagu results in panic buyings

Madikeri: People resorted to panic shopping across Kodagu district on the first day of relaxation from the revised Corona Curfew. Towns across the district were bustling with activities between 6 am and 12 noon and turning into hotspots for the spread of the virus. On May 3, Kodagu district administration tightened the norms of Corona Curfew and an order was passed for the essential services and other permitted shops to function only on Tuesdays and Fridays between 6 am and 12 noon. While this revised order aimed at controlling unnecessary movement to control the spread of the virus, it turned otherwise on Tuesday. Citizens turned out on the streets in large number and all the towns including Madikeri, Somwarpet, Virajpet and Gonikoppal were bustling with activities and witnessed traffic jams during relaxation hours.

KS Layout police arrested a gang of three habitual offenders who tried to sell stolen jewellery, and recovered 921 grams of gold and a diamond necklace worth Rs 44.5 lakh from them

Eight Asiatic lions test positive in Hyderabad zoo

Big cats contract virus from zoo-keepers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hyderabad

THE first confirmed case of animals contracting Covid-19 has been reported in Hyderabad's Nehru Zoological Park (NZP), where eight Asiatic lions– four male and four female - have tested positive.

According to the zoo and forest department officials, all the eight have been responding well to the treatment and have almost recovered.

The incident came to light after zoo veterinarians noticed mild symptoms, including dry cough, nasal discharge, and loss of appetite, among the eight lions almost a fortnight ago.

"As soon as we noticed the symptoms in the wild animals in Lion Safari enclosures, we decided to send the samples for test," says VVL Subhadra Devi, Curator, NZP.

The first nasal and oral discharge samples of the animals were sent to Conservation of Endangered Species at CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (LaCONES-CCMB) in Hyderabad, on April 24.

"We conducted RT-PCR tests from the collected samples that confirmed the infection. For further inquiry, the samples were also sent for genome analysis that confirmed that the Covid infection in the lions was not caused by the new variant of the virus," told Rakesh Mishar, Director of CCMB to The New Indian Express.

He added that the virus must have been transmitted to the lions from zoo caretakers, who were positive.

Measures to take care of the animals

The zoo officials said that all the eight lions are now responding well to the treatment. "The lions have been now isolated at the zoo from other animals, and are receiving due care and necessary treatment. They are also responding well to the treatment and recovering," says Dr S Kukrety APCCF and Director of Zoos, Telangana.

Stating that collection of swab samples from animals is difficult and is done by the 'Squeeze cage method', Dr Rakesh said, "The animals have to be tranquilised first. So, now we are looking forward to testing their fecal samples to determine if virus is present."

Representational picture

PU-II exams postponed, first PU exam cancelled

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Minister of Primary & Secondary Education S Suresh Kumar on Tuesday said a new timetable for the PU-II exams, which stand postponed, will be out later. He said that the decision was taken considering the Covid-19 situation and the students' health. The examination was earlier scheduled to be held between May 24 and June 16.

The minister was speaking after a meeting with department officials at Vidhana Soudha. A total of 6,86,708 students, will be giving the exams.

The department of pre-university education recently postponed the practical examination for science students scheduled on April 28. "Earlier, the officials convened meetings with principals of various colleges, lecturers and parents to gather opinions. All other departments, which the department has to coordinate with for the exams, have been busy with Covid duty. Several students have also returned to their home towns during the corona curfew," he said. He said that first PUC students will all be admitted to second PUC directly without an exam. He said that a bridge course should be made available on YouTube at the earliest for these students when they join second year.

Meanwhile, teachers have been encouraged to work from home and keep in touch with students constantly, guiding them. They are expected to be available for administrative work, Kumar said.

READY FOR MARKET

Farmers winnow freshly-harvested paddy on the outskirts of Hyderabad | VINAY MADAPU

CRIME PATROL

Film producer's bail plea dismissed

Bengaluru: The Special Court for NDPS cases has dismissed the bail petition of Kannada movie producer and director Shankar Gowda, who was arrested by the Govindapura police in a drugs case. The accused had moved a bail petition before the special court and the defence counsel had argued that his client had no criminal antecedents. **ENS**

Man dies in road accident

Bengaluru: A 55-year-old man died in a road accident in Banasawadi traffic police station limits, on Monday. The deceased was reportedly not admitted by two hospitals due to shortage of beds, before he succumbed. The deceased has been identified as Srinivas, a resident of Kalkere. Police said the incident took place at around 6 pm on Monday, when Srinivas was passing the Ring Road in Kalyan Nagar on his scooter. He fell from the vehicle as it skidded. **ENS**

'ENSURE HOUSING, CARE FOR COVID ORPHANS'

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

A day after his appointment as nodal officer to identify and provide immediate and long-term facilities to Covid-19 orphaned children in Karnataka, senior IAS officer Mohan Raj on Tuesday held a marathon meeting with State Child Rights Commission, nodal officers, civil society and voluntary organisations working with children. Raj is Inspector General of Registration (IGR) and Commissioner of Stamps.

Representatives of civil society organisations, while voicing concern regarding children whose parents are in hospital or no more, said it was important to trace their relatives. They asked the government to build quarantine centres, temporary shelters and milk banks for orphaned infants. "There is a need for housing of such children. District Covid centres for children should be linked to Childline and civil society to prevent illegal adoption of orphaned infants, child trafficking, child labour, marriage and sexual violence," said well-known child rights advocate Nina Nayak.

Some other key recommendations to the State include declaring Childline an essential service, activating women and child protection committees, Makkala Gram Sabhas to prevent child trafficking and exploitation, providing adequate medicines, oximeters, oxygen cylinders to child care institutions (CCIs), setting up of a medical unit within a social service complex for testing and protection of CCIs, Childline and district child protection units (DCPU) staff.

Dist ministers to oversee containment

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ALL district in-charge ministers have been asked to immediately camp in their districts to coordinate pandemic containment efforts.

The State Government has also decided to rope in final-year nursing and AYUSH students for Covid-19 management. "We discussed the immediate need for increased oxygen supply to the state. After our request, the Union Government increased allocation from 350 tons to 850 tons per day. There is a delay in transporting oxygen from other states. Now that cases are reducing in Maharashtra, we are requesting the government to reallocate their oxygen quota to Karnataka from Jindal Steel's supply," Yediyurappa said.

The government has appealed to the media to create awareness about patients who require hospitalisation.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
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NOTIFICATION FOR INVITATION OF TENDER (NIT)

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Sd/-Deputy General Manager-IT, Davanagere Smart City Ltd., Davanagere

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Sd/-, MANAGING DIRECTOR

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B.Sc Nursing Course by College of Nursing, CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus

M.P.T. Master of Physiotherapy

Medical Post-Graduate & Post-Doctoral Fellowship Courses
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VELLORE, TN - 632 004 Email: registrarcon@cmcvellore.ac.in

M.Sc., Post Basic B.Sc., Post Basic Diploma and Fellowship in Nursing Programmes Admissions: 2021-2022

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OPPORTUNITIES

Educational

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No. R(T&N)/1118/2021 Ph: 0481-2573533
Web: www.moccolleges.org

NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited in the prescribed form for appointment to the Vacancies in the following number of posts under category I&II for Colleges in the Mahatma Gandhi University Region under the Corporate Management of Malankara Orthodox Church Colleges.

Category I: Teaching Staff- Assistant Professors in Substantive vacancies now exist as given below and anticipated vacancies which may arise with in one year.

SUBJECT	Open Merit	Community Merit
1. Malayalam	1	2
2. Hindi	1	0
3. English	0	2
4. Chemistry	3	2
5. Mathematics	1	0

Categoryll: UGC Librarian

Open Merit	Community Merit
1	1

Age, qualification and Scale of Pay – As prescribed by the Govt./UGC/M.G University rules. Applicants should be fully qualified at the time of submission of application. Those who are qualified from Universities other than Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam should submit the Equivalency Certificate and Eligibility Certificate from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam along with the application.

Application form can be had from the Secretary, MOC Colleges Corporate Management Office, Devalokam, Kottayam on payment of Rs.600/- in person(Rs. 650/- by post) or can be downloaded from the above website. Along with downloaded application form a DD of Rs.600/- in favor of Manager, MOC Colleges payable at State Bank of India Devalokam Branch, Kottayam- 686 004 should be enclosed.

Filled in application should reach the Secretary, M.O.C. Colleges, Devalokam, Kottayam-686 004 within 30 days from the date of publication of this notification in the dailies. Incomplete application will be rejected.

DEVALOKAM
05. 05. 2021

Dr. M.E. Kuriakose
SECRETARY

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IFT No. BAMUL/PUR//T&C e- Tender-231/2021-22 Date: 03.05.2021

TECHNICAL CUM COMMERCIAL TENDER THROUGH THE KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL

Bengaluru Co-op Milk Union Ltd., (BAMUL) Bengaluru, invites e- tender through e-Procurement Portal from the interested and eligible Manufacturers/ Contractor/Dealer /Distributors for Supply of the following item.

Sl	Particulars	Qty	Estd Cost in Lkhs	Tender No
01	Supply of Canteen Grocery to Main Dairy, Kanakapura Dairy & Hosakote Dairy for a Period of Six Months	80 Diff Items	122.10	231(01)
02	Printing & Supply of 5 Ply Corrugated Boxes for 25 kg Bulk Butter to Kanakapura Dairy and Main Dairy for a period of 3 months	1,20,000 nos	37.50	231(02)
03	Printing & Supply of 5 Ply Corrugated Boxes for a period of 3 months			
	a) 1000ml Ghee Sachets to Kanakapura Dairy and Main Dairy	45,000 nos	15.498	231(03)
	b) 200 ml Ghee Sachets to Main Dairy	5,000 nos	1.912	
	c) 500ml Ghee Sachets to Main Dairy	20,000 nos	7.168	
04	Printing & Supply of 5 Ply Corrugated Boxes for a period of 3 months			
	a) 500gm Salted Butter 15 kg to Kanakapura Dairy and Main Dairy	20,000 nos	4.284	231(04)
	b) 500gm Un Salted Butter 15 kg to Kanakapura Dairy and Main Dairy	40,000 nos	8.568	

1	Access to E-tender Documents	04.05.2021 to 11.05.2021 till 02.00 PM
2	Pre-Bid Meeting / Tender clarification date & time	05.05.2021 till 11.00 PM
3	Last date for submission of tender/ quoting	11.05.2021 till 02.00 PM
4	Date & time for opening Technical Tender	12.05.2021 at 02.35 PM
5	Date & time for opening Commercial Tender	15.05.2021 at 11.30 AM
6	Place of opening of Technical and Commercial Tender:	BAMUL (Bengaluru Dairy) Board Room

The Tenderers shall submit separate tender for the above, Tenderers are advised to note the qualification criteria specified in Section VII to qualify for award of the contract.
The Earnest money deposit (E.M.D.) valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the tender i.e. total for 135 days, Tender processing Fee, modes of e-payment, tender document details and Other details are mentioned in **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Tender No: KMF/BAMUL/PUR/2021-22/231.**

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List of pledges:-

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K, 22114/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0255, RAJEEV K T, 9741/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0256, VASANTHA B K, 40260/-, STUD 6, 0257, VASANTHA B K, 14188/-, DROPS 2, 0267, ANIL KUMAR R, 144000/-, CHAIN 1, 0272, SIDDARAMAIAIH, 40400/-, CHAIN 1, 0285, LOKESH, 102102/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2, 0295, VENKATESH, 168500/-, CHAIN 1, 0303, THIMAIAH, 38995/-, BRACELET 1, 0305, ARAVIND A, 25000/-, CHAIN 1, 0310, MAHESHA, 15000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0315, LOKESH, 127127/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 2,STUD 2, 0321, PUSHPAKALA, 11000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0334, SHIVAKUMAR B, 50000/-, BRACELET 1, 0348, BHARATI SHIVAKUMAR, 26024/-, CHAIN 1, 0353, LINGARAJU, 26500/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 0355, SOMESHEKAR, 52972/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 0357, RAJENDRA P T, 22000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0423, VINOD K J, 12000/-, STUD 2, 0433, BANU KUSHAL J, 31701/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 2,STUD 4, 0447, LAKSHMAN, 11797/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0484, MURALI MOHAN RAJU, 13000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0485, MURALI MOHAN RAJU, 12000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0501, SHYLENDRA M P, 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The borrowers, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 19/ 05/ 2021 from 10.00 am onwards. The auction is of the gold ornaments of defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of their loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without any further notice. Reserve price is fixed on the basis of market price of the gold on the date of auction or the 85% of the average 30 days IBJA rate whichever is higher. Change in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at the auction centre and on the company website . The details given below are in the order of Branch Name, Loan Number, Customer Name, Total Due Amount (in `) & Item Name

List of pledges:-

BANGALORE, KADUGONDANAHALLI, 108760700087703, NUZHATH BEGUM, 9632/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7704, NUZHATH BEGUM, 1500/-, LOCKET 1, 7709, FAROOQ ALI KHAN, 26000/-, U-DROPS 2, 7711, MANSOOR ULLA KHAN A, 5000/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 7716, MOHAMED MATEEN, 164164/-, NECKLACE 1, 7718, BABU V, 21000/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 7723, NAYEEMA, 19000/-, BABY BANGLES 1,DROPS & STUD 2, 7733, SYED RIZWAN, 18500/-, CHAIN 1, 7738, ABDUL RAZACK VK, 19000/-, U-DROPS 2, 7761, SHATHAJ BEGUM, 99999/-, FINGER RINGS 11,NECKLACE 1,STUD 2, 7771, ABU TAHER, 53000/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 7780, VINODA KUMAR, 36488/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7781, VINODA KUMAR, 10820/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 7785, SYED SADIQ, 54991/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 2,NECKLACE 2, 7786, SHABREEN SIYANI, 34841/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7799, SYEDNIZAM, 16726/-, CHAIN 1, 7802, ISMAIL PASHA, 37000/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 7815, SYED KAMAAL, 30000/-, BRACELET 1,EAR RINGS 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 7817, MAQSOODAHMED SHARIFF, 10000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7819, SELVARAJ, 75000/-, CHAIN 1, 7834, ABDUL AYUB A, 59000/-, DROPS & STUD 4,FINGER RINGS 1,NECKLACE 1, 7835, MOHIN BASHA, 181767/-, CHAIN 1, 7836, MOHIN BASHA, 85485/-, CHAIN 2, 7837, MOHIN BASHA, 99999/-, BANGLE 2, 7846, SYED BILAL, 48000/-, FINGER RINGS 2,NECKLACE 1, 7847, SHAIK MANSOOR, 57000/-, CHAIN 1, 7851, NIYAMATH HUSSAIN, 87015/-, NECKLACE 1, 7855, NOOR JAN, 12000/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 7870, MURALI A, 50000/-, NECKLACE 1, 7885, MOHAMED MATEEN, 27000/-, CHAIN 1, 7905, NAYAZ PASHA, 383777/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2,ELAS 1,FINGER RINGS 2,NECKLACE 3, 7909, AFREEN TAJ Y, 85000/-, NECKLACE 1, 7910, AFREEN TAJ Y, 10500/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 7911, AFREEN TAJ Y, 53500/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7931, MOHAMMED IMRAN, 20000/-, DROPS & STUD 2,ELAS 1, 7934, TAHIR PASHA, 12500/-, CHAIN 1, 7935, ABU TAHER, 99999/-, DROPS & STUD 2,NECKLACE 1, 7943, NAYEEMUNNISA, 5000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7944, SHAIK SUHAIL, 193680/-, NECKLACE 1, 7947, SHAIK SUHAIL, 96890/-, NECKLACE 1, 7949, FAMIDABANU, 66645/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1,NECKLACE 1, 7989, IMTIAZ A, 40000/-, CHAIN 1, 7997, MERCY J, 32119/-, CHAIN 1, 8012, IMRAN AHMED, 14000/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 8020, ZAKEER HUSSAIN, 33452/-, DROPS & STUD 4,FINGER RINGS 1, 8021, MOHAMMED IBRAHIM S, 14000/-, DROPS 4, 8025, KHAMRUNNISA, 10000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8034, REVATHI, 25000/-, CHAIN 1, 8055, SALEEM AHMED K, 58000/-, U-DROPS & STUD 2, 8082, SHABREEN TAJ, 50000/-, NECKLACE 1, 8087, MOHAMMED RAFIQ, 64000/-, NECKLACE 1, 8100, MOHAMMED SIDDIQ, 26000/-, U-DROPS 1, 8102, BUSHRA BEGUM, 99999/-, NECKLACE 1, 8131, HUMAYUNPASHA, 19000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8146, FARZANA, 4575/-, CHAIN 1, 8161, AZAM PASHA, 9000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8162, INYATHAULLA, 18367/-, CHAIN 1, 8176, ALLAHA BAKSHA, 16000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8180, SHAMA FATHIMA, 50000/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, 8182, TOUSEEF PASHA, 15000/-, FINGER RINGS 3, 8184, ARSHIYA BANU, 30269/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 8188, MOHAMMED ALI, 110110/-, DROPS & STUD 2,NECKLACE 1, 8211, KHAMRUNNISA, 21500/-, CHAIN 1, 8226, MAHERA BEGUM, 16500/-, FINGER RINGS 4, 8227, RIZWAN PASHA, 8922/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8936, AKRAM PASHA, 160160/-, NECKLACE 1, 108760730014378, ANEES AHMED, 54082/-, CHAIN 1, 5483, PURUSHOTHAMA, 21331/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6183, MOHAMMED SIDDIQ, 14633/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6274, SIRESH, 50526/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6446, YARAB PASHA S, 15541/-, CHAIN 1, 6447, YARAB PASHA S, 6951/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6692, NAVEENA S M, 109914/-, CHAIN 1, 7607, SHABBIR AHMED, 959243/-, BRACELET 1,BROAD BANGLES 1,DROPS 2,DROPS & STUD 7,NECKLACE 5, 8250, SYED TOUSIF, 17017/-, EAR RINGS 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 8302, ALDRIN MARK KUMAR, 185150/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2,NECKLACE 1, 8313, MOHAN KUMAR H R, 64022/-, CHAIN 1, 8314, PREMA DAVID, 40600/-, CHAIN 1, 8315, PREMA DAVID, 80526/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 2, 8362, SHOUAIB AHMED, 37210/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 3, 8389, SHAFI AHMED, 12930/-, STUD 2, 8390, SHAFI AHMED, 15674/-, EAR RINGS 2, 8412, JITHENDRA R, 67942/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 8511, AFZAL AHMED, 10633/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8517, MOHAMMED SARVAR, 40995/-, NECKLACE 1, 8577, CHRISTOPHER PRASANNA A, 18950/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8604, R HEMAREDDY, 48740/-, CHAIN 1, 8648, SHADABAHMED, 66295/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2, 8674, SALEEM AHMED K, 14233/-, U-DROPS 2, 8837, IMRAN AHMED, 6962/-, DROPS & STUD 2, BTM 2ND STAGE, 108790700048874, MUBARAK KHAN, 7000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9918, ASMA REHMAN KHAN, 18229/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 108790700050096, SHYLAJA, 8910/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 0134, AFROSE, 75654/-, NECKLACE 1, 0299, MUNEER, 9960/-, STUD 4, 0305, IMRANA TAJ, 26285/-, CHAIN 1, 0309, SHANKARAPPA, 163104/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 6,FINGER RINGS 7,NECKLACE 1, 0311, SHANKARAPPA, 103624/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 5, 0374, MANOHAR A, 340340/-, NECKLACE 1, 0608, SHAHEEN TAJ, 40000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0620, SHAHEEN TAJ, 68000/-, NECKLACE 1, 0890, SRINIVAS K, 30000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1654, IYAZ PASHA, 132132/-, NECKLACE 1, 1655, MOHAMMED ZAIN, 42000/-, BABY BANGLES 2, 1659, SHAHAWAR, 26000/-, FINGER RINGS 3, 1660, SHAHAWAR, 15000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1672, DEYVANAI, 55001/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 1673, POONM SHARMA, 14000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1678, SURESH KUMAR, 56000/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 1682, PRASANNA KUMAR, 27000/-, CHAIN 1, 1685, AFROSE, 191191/-, DROPS & STUD 2,NECKLACE 2, 1690, SYED TAHIR, 19000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1694, NOORUNNISA, 120120/-, BRACELET 1,NECKLACE 1, 1707, MUNAWAR FATHIMA FAIYAS, 12500/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 1708, SAMEER D M, 99999/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 1715, FARHANA KAUSAR, 53000/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 3, 1721, IMRAN KHAN, 13000/-, FINGER RINGS 3, 1724, AFROZ KHAN, 114114/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 4, 1728, SANEEP J, 34325/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1731, MUHAMMED SHAFI, 83000/-, BRACELET 2, 1750, NIVEDITHA, 169930/-, BROAD BANGLES 1,DROPS & STUD 2,NECKLACE 1, 1754, PADULLAPARTHI SARAT CHAND, 14000/-, CHAIN 1, 1757, ASHOK M C, 22000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1769, NITIN A, 40000/-, BRACELET 1, 1773, IMRAN KHAN, 61400/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1783, SYED AFRIDI, 30000/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 2, 1784, SURESH M, 79013/-, BABY BANGLES 2,BRACELET 2,CHAIN 1, 1787, MUNAWAR FATHIMA FAIYAS, 7259/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1794, RABIYA KHAN A K, 153153/-, NECKLACE 1, 1796, MOHAMMED AYUB PASHA, 21300/-, DROPS 2, 1823, HUMERA BANU, 15974/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1825, MAMTAJ ALI, 12837/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1830, MOHAMMED KHADAR, 49000/-, BROAD BANGLES 1, 1831, SAMREEN KOUSER, 13000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1834, SOWMYA R, 58000/-, CHAIN 2, 1838, FARHAT UNNISSA, 27000/-, CHAIN 1, 1842, RAMESH K S, 178210/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 1848, SAJIDULLA KHAN, 28000/-, NECKLACE 1, 1849, MUHAMMED SHAFI, 98000/-, NECKLACE 1, 1862, SRINIVASA L, 6400/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1879, JAVEED S, 8298/-, CHAIN 1, 1880, MUBEEN TAG, 44820/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1881, MURTUZA SARIFF, 7416/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1883, MURALI KRISHNA, 41800/-, CHAIN 1, 1894, MURTUZA SARIFF, 4300/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1895, MOHAMED JEAYAULLA, 14027/-, DROPS 2, 1897, HUMERA BI, 16749/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 1898, MOHAMMED ATIF, 10900/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1899, KOUSAR BANU, 31909/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1912, SNEHA BIDARI, 197000/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 1913, TOUSIF AHMED, 11800/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1914, SHEA SALUMAN, 53000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1927, SHAIK BURKATH, 50000/-, EAR RINGS 4,ELAS 1,FINGER RINGS 1,MATTI 2, 1948, MOHAMMED YOUNUS, 19999/-, CHAIN 1, 1957, SHABBIR PASHA, 66000/-, BANGLE 1, 1960, MANJUSHREE C H, 6200/-, STUD 2, 1979, MOHAMMED AYUB PASHA, 9900/-, LOCKET 1, 1981, HUSNA KHANUM, 80000/-, NECKLACE 1, 1982, RAMESH K S, 86000/-, ANGLEWARE 2, 1997, SHABEENA BANU, 42000/-, BANGLE 1, 1998, ALLABAKESH HR, 15000/-, STUD 2, 1999, JAVERIA KAUSER, 12906/-, ELAS 1, 2007, JAVEED PASHA, 27996/-, CHAIN 1, 2010, NUSRATHUNNISA, 17000/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 2012, MOULA SHARIFF, 20000/-, CHAIN 1, 2016, MOTAMARRI SANATH, 13500/-, BRACELET 1, 2022, SHAMSHEER SR, 75500/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 6,LOCKET 1, 2028, AASIYA KHANUM, 15500/-, EAR RINGS 2,FINGER RINGS 2, 2031, SAJIDULLA KHAN, 38000/-, DROPS 2, 2035, SHYLAJA, 12000/-, STUD 2, 2038, JAVERIA KAUSER, 24500/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 2039, JAVERIA KAUSER, 13554/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 2049, KAREEMUNNISA, 18500/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 2050, TAJUNNISA, 4897/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2054, RABIYA KHAN A K, 70000/-, BANGLE 2,BRACELET 1,DROPS & STUD 2, 2055, RABIYA KHAN A K, 99999/-, NECKLACE 3, 5931, MAHESH K, 11321/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6581, PAPADASARI CHAITHRA, 333435/-, NECKLACE 1, 8016, TOUSIF PASHA, 62859/-, BROAD BANGLES 3, 8149, RUMANA BEGUM A, 207400/-, NECKLACE 1, 8278, NIMITHA, 106463/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 2, 8333, HARISH KRISHNAN, 69921/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8467, SURESH KUMAR, 34826/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 8519, SURESH KUMAR, 31482/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 8527, REETESHKUMAR D KANTHI, 57000/-, CHAIN 1, 8529, SYED TASKEEN, 69320/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8586, KAVYA M, 52877/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 8634, PRAVEEN C L, 86718/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 2, 8665, ASGAR AHMED, 550071/-, DROPS & STUD 2,NECKLACE 1, 9057, ZAMEER G N, 102004/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 2, 9208, NAGAVENI V, 85603/-, CHAIN 1, 9279, KASHIEF KHAN, 41937/-, BANGLE 1, 9312, VINOD KUMAR K, 38045/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 0508, YOGESH B M, 36738/-, CHAIN 1, 0994, JYOTSANA HAZARIKA, 111157/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 3,STUD 2, 1031, SYED AJMAL, 121530/-, ELAS 1,FINGER RINGS 3,NECKLACE 1, 1034, SYED SALEEMUDDIN, 24831/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1041, BALARAJU N, 196177/-, DROPS & STUD 2,NECKLACE 1, 1060, SYED TAHIR, 39110/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 1063, LOKESH M, 4646/-, STUD 2, 1064, LOKESH M, 7550/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1071, SURESH KUMAR, 49700/-, CHAIN 1, 1081, SREERAJ K, 25658/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1082, MARY CHRISTINA CLAMENT, 22936/-, BRACELET 1, 1107, ASHWIN RAJ, 27414/-, BROAD BANGLES 1, 1108, PREMA SM, 16705/-, DROPS 2,FINGER RINGS 2, 1122, FARHANA KAUSAR, 252000/-, CHAIN 1, 1129, BRAHAMACHARY K V, 58961/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 1130, BRAHAMACHARY K V, 66011/-, BRACELET 1, 1131, MANZOOR AHMED, 50028/-, DROPS 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 1153, PREETHI ROBINSON, 27596/-, CHAIN 1, 1154, PREETHI ROBINSON, 26826/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 1155, PREETHI ROBINSON, 35943/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 1198, ARIF IQBAL F FANIBAND, 29590/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 1242, MADHU, 11357/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1303, SURESH KUMAR, 15340/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 1365, AKSHAY VIJAYAN, 58390/-, CHAIN 1, 1383, SHAHEEN TAJ, 21977/-, EAR RINGS 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 1409, HEENA BANU, 6870/-, LOCKET 1, 1416, SHIVANAND N, 68454/-, CHAIN 1, 1444, MANJULA, 78200/-, NECKLACE 1, 1454, SUSANTA KUMAR ROUT, 26481/-, BANGLE 1, 1456, SUSANTA KUMAR ROUT, 10200/-, STUD 2, 1458, SUSANTA KUMAR ROUT, 3300/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1459, SUSANTA KUMAR ROUT, 8595/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1460, SUSANTA KUMAR ROUT, 13600/-, STUD 2, 1486, MOHAMMED JAFFAR, 271076/-, NECKLACE 1, 1489, SHAMEER PASHA, 1186251/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2,NECKLACE 2, 1492, HEMANTH KUMAR D, 25914/-, CHAIN 1, 1493, PAVANA MURTHY, 76103/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 2, 1495, SHRAVANI S, 40052/-, CHAIN 1, 1508, CHARITH U, 99924/-, CHAIN 1, 1513, GADE VEERA NAGAMANI SANDHYA MANJUSHA, 55529/-, CHAIN 1, 1517, VAITHESHWARI SHIVA, 100634/-, DROPS & STUD 2,NECKLACE 1, 1527, SYED TASKEEN, 257528/-, NECKLACE 1, 1528, SYED TASKEEN, 299793/-, NECKLACE 1, 1529, MANJUNATHA J, 210193/-, FINGER RINGS 4, 1531, SYEDA ALMAS, 212293/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, 1562, M S SRINVAS, 8270/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1563, M S SRINVAS, 81180/-, CHAIN 1, 1581, VINOD KUMAR K, 43738/-, NECKLACE 1, 1582, VINOD KUMAR K, 113871/-, NECKLACE 1, 1593, SYED TAHIR, 61062/-, NECKLACE 1, 1600, S VAISHNAVI, 149971/-, BRACELET 1,BROAD BANGLES 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 1617, KUMAR PUSHPAK, 206060/-, CHAIN 2,FINGER RINGS 1,NECKLACE 1, 1654, SUBHANKAR MUKERJEE, 17628/-, BROAD BANGLES 1,FINGER RINGS 2, 1669, ANIL KUMAR R, 60144/-, BRACELET 1, 1675, SLNR PREMKIRAN M, 98081/-, BROAD BANGLES 1,CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 1690, AZMATH R S, 68856/-, CHAIN 1, 1692, BABU, 112257/-, NECKLACE 1, 1708, RAHIL ANSARI, 23294/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 1719, FASIHA, 74177/-, NECKLACE 1, 1726, GUDUPUTI RAMAMOHAN, 42433/-, BANGLE 1, 1728, TASAWWAR PASHA, 201915/-, BROAD BANGLES 1,NECKLACE 1, 1740, USMAN PASHA, 252775/-, NECKLACE 1, 1751, HEMANTH KUMAR, 75789/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1752, HEMANTH KUMAR, 95528/-, DROPS & STUD 8,FINGER RINGS 1, 1769, VIDHA SAGAR J, 26660/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 1785, SABINA TAJ, 3325/-, STUD 1, 1786, SABINA TAJ, 6049/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1096, TOUSIF PASHA, 20944/-, FINGER RINGS 2,STUD 2, 1270, WASIM AKRAM F, 12900/-, MATTI 1, 1272, MOHAMMED NADIR, 123123/-, CHAIN 2,DROPS & STUD 2, 1276, AROOSA GANIA AHMED, 32000/-, FINGER RINGS 1,NECKLACE 1, 1282, ABDUL SAMAD, 14500/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1, 1291, MAHESH, 70000/-, CHAIN 1, 1293, ARIF IQBAL F FANIBAND, 35835/-, CHAIN 1, 1302, ASHA J, 20000/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 1312, RAVISHANKAR REDDY Y J, 12000/-, STUD 2, 1313, E SAI DURGA, 38000/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, BANGALORE, BTM 2ND STAGE, 108790780001314, RAVISHANKAR REDDY Y J, 12500/-, DROPS 2, 1326, SRINIVASA L, 29000/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 1342, PAPADASARI CHAITHRA, 145145/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, 1343, PAPADASARI CHAITHRA, 86000/-, BROAD BANGLES 1, GANDHI BAZAR, 108840700026562, MANJUNATHA BL, 13264/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6625, PREM SINGH, 83600/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 6761, GOVINDAIAH P, 20000/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 6852, NAGARAJU B V, 136995/-, CHAIN 1,NECKLACE 1, 6872, MEGHA DINESH NAIK, 40170/-, BANGLE 2, 7022, SOMASHEKARA M, 32000/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 7052, RAVI KUMAR, 172866/-, NECKLACE 1, 7263, JYOTHSNAKALA H U, 406001/-, BRACELET 2,CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 4,FINGER RINGS 2, 7358, MOHAN REDDY B, 33700/-, CHAIN 1, 7360, ZAIN TAMSEEL, 34000/-, BANGLE 2, 7364, BHARATH KUMAR S, 14072/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7372, SANTHOSH, 69000/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1,LOCKET 1, 7376, VISHWANATH B L, 86000/-, NECKLACE 1, 7389, MANJUNATHA K R, 96000/-, CHAIN 1, 7405, JYOTHSNAKALA H U, 111111/-, FINGER RINGS 1,LOCKET 1,STUD 6, 7424, DHANALAKSHMI, 192692/-, NECKLACE 1, 7431, SHEELA J, 5000/-, STUD 2, 7440, SARASWATHI D, 49076/-, CHAIN 1, 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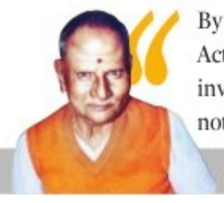

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— Ramnath Goenka

WANING CONSUMER SENTIMENT, VANISHING JOBS ADD TO WORRIES

The second deadly wave of Covid infections in April has expectedly hit the marginally recovering job market hard. Local lockdowns and postponement of projects in the pipeline have taken away 75 lakh jobs, pushing the unemployment rate to a four-month high of 8%, according to the Centre for Monitoring India Economy (CMIE). Expectedly, the impact of the renewed slowdown was greater on urban areas where joblessness touched 9.78%, compared to rural unemployment where it was at 7.13%. These are all comparative figures to March, when the all-India unemployment rate stood at 6.5%. The same pattern is seen in white-collar jobs in areas such as IT and financial services. A survey of LinkedIn and direct postings on job boards showed active vacancies fell 31%, from 2,90,000 in March to 2,00,000 in April.

The mounting toll of Covid infections and deaths, and the inability of the government to deal with the crisis, had a further spin-off effect with consumer sentiment taking a battering. According to CMIE, the index of consumer sentiment was on a free fall in April, as it fell 4.3% for the week ended April 18, then 4.5% for the next week and slipped another 5.4% in the week ended May 2. Overall, the index declined 3.8% in April, the sharpest fall in a year since May 2020.

The sharp rise in urban unemployment shows the phenomenon of reverse migration of workers going back home to the villages from cities has again become pronounced, though it is not a stampede as it was in the first phase. The other worrying factor in the sharp decline in unemployment is that government measures to shore up the economy are not working. For instance, in this phase, though lockdowns have not been imposed on industry and construction, voluntary shutdowns and panic departure of labour are jamming the wheels of recovery. Recovery projections will now depend on how long the second pandemic wave lasts, and whether a third wave is in store. But optimistic projections of growth at 10% and above made for the current year are now sure to be pared down.

CURIOUS SACKING OF TELANGANA MINISTER

There was a complaint, then an enquiry, followed by swift action—everything concluded within just 48 hours. The sudden and unceremonious dismissal of Telangana Medical and Health Minister Eatala Rajender from the state Cabinet followed. While membership of the ministry is entirely at the discretion of Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao, Rajender claims the principle of natural justice was completely ignored while sacking him. Neither the government nor KCR, who acted on a complaint filed by a few farmers, sought an explanation from the six-time MLA after the officials hurriedly concluded in their report that he had encroached upon 66 acres of assigned land in Medak district and listed out three Acts under which action could be initiated against him, besides invoking the Revenue Recovery Act for the collection of the amount that the state exchequer had lost in the process.

Rajender—who was among the people on the frontlines of the Telangana movement—contends that the charges were only a ruse to get rid of him from the Cabinet but would not say what the actual reason is. He believes there are other ministers and MLAs who are suffering silently in the suffocating confines of the TRS, implying that the party is not what it used to be, and has said that he would not hesitate to go to any extent to safeguard his self-respect. After his family approached the Telangana HC, the court on Tuesday asked the state government not to take into cognisance the collector's report. The HC said that by not giving an opportunity to Jamuna Hatcheries, a company owned by Rajender's family, to be heard, the officials had ignored the principle of natural justice and wanted to know the reason for the hurry.

No one questions the prerogative of the chief minister, but when serious charges of encroachment of assigned lands emerge, it is only fair that the accused is given an opportunity to be heard.

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IN BJP'S BENGAL BLUNDERS, LESSONS FOR ALL PARTIES

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Heads should roll in Delhi, in all fairness. How could so many agencies—the CBI, ED, I-T, central police forces and, of course, the Election Commission, have so spectacularly and collectively failed to deliver the goods, and leave the ruling establishment licking its wounds after the results in West Bengal? Political and regional factors apart, it is the overdose of almost everything that has now come to be associated with an Indian election that seems to have done the BJP in.

The BJP had ticked every box: dozens of trips by chartered flights/helicopters as "imported leaders" criss-crossed the state, 30-plus hotels including five-star rated ones booked in Kolkata to host guests, hundreds of campaign vehicles, aggressive mainstream and social media campaigns, all of which were topped up with alleged cash handouts to voters, ranging from ₹500 in tribal belts to ₹5,000 per head in urban pockets. Result: By the time the poll process began and progressed further, a sort of revulsion had crept in.

What the BJP leadership crucially did not take into account are historical factors specific to Bengal—the language divide, absence of a local leader who could be the face for the party and lack of cadre at the ground level to build on the anti-incumbency vote. Bengal has this history of having always voted for a party associated with struggles/movements. If it was the Congress that benefitted in the initial years because of the freedom movement, the Left received support by virtue of the multiple struggles it had waged over the years. Then came Didi with her own brand of agitations including the famous Singur/Nandigram stir. The BJP has no such record.

As BJP leaders, beginning with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, promised "*Sonar Bangla*" to the people, Didi ridiculed them pointing out that they can't even pronounce "*Sonar*" properly and yet, are offering the same. If the "*Dideee O Dideee*" rant was seen as cheap by women, so was the appeal "*Ebar Pode Chhap*" (this time, press the button on Lotus) as the pronunciation of *Pode* (in Bengali, Lotus is pronounced *Poddo*) went viral on social media. *Pode*, in Bengali, essentially means a good-for-nothing character.

The attempt to bring about a divide between Hindus and Muslims hasn't clicked as Bengal is known for its Hindus attending Ramzan festivities as much as Muslims celebrate Durga Puja in the homes of Hindu friends. The UP-style politics hasn't worked to the extent the BJP would have liked. On the contrary, it has seen a near consolidation of the Muslim vote behind the Trinamool, the result of which is the decimation of Congress and the Left in minority-dominated Malda, Murshidabad, North Dinajpur and South Dinajpur.

The biggest blunder the BJP committed strategically, as it desperately sought to occupy the mindspace of people and create hype ahead of the elections, was to invite hordes of TMC leaders into its fold. Back in 2018-19, even the Left cadre joined the BJP in the fight against the "goondaism" of the TMC. When the same faces from the TMC shared the dais with top BJP leaders and the latter waxed eloquent about the goon culture of the Trinamool, it sounded like devils quoting the scriptures. As the huge money that was spent did not go unnoticed and shocked even BJP leaders, the "cut money" for which TMC leaders are notorious appeared like pocket change for people.

By making the Bengal battle one between Modi and Mamata, the BJP provided another weapon. And what has the Election Commission not done? From ignoring blatant use of religion and religious symbols in rallies and speeches to dividing seats in one district over two/three phases, it did the best it could. According to our Kolkata correspondent, Pranab Mondal, as Mamata coined "*Bangla Nijer Meyeke Chay*" (Bengal wants its own daughter), the Yogis and Suryas from BJP-ruled states did not count. When the saffron leaders brought in more aggression, laced with Delhi-dominated narrative, it frightened the large liberal class of Bengal (*bhadralok*), till then unhappy with the TMC. The *bhadralok*, powerful in its own way, began holding small/village-level meetings where voters were told only one thing: "Don't vote for the BJP." The alternative was not given but the choice was simple and clear.

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There are certain myths that most seem to believe and the BJP too has swallowed some of them. What's Myth Number One? That the BJP is invincible. Yes, it's a fact that very few parties can match the BJP when it comes to electioneering and resources, which are then amplified by the media by projecting a victory for the party from the time polls are announced. This, despite the fact that of the 15-20 state elections since 2018, the BJP could convincingly win only three—Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh and now Assam. It had lost power in three big states—Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Rajasthan. Don't get confused because the BJP is ruling the first two but that's through what is commonly described in politics as backdoor methods (Congress style!) or to put it crudely, buying legislators. In quite a few states including the two Telugu states—Telangana and Andhra—it wasn't even a player in the reckoning when polls were held.

The second myth that the BJP itself believes is that polls could be won if one keeps the media on its side. Several elections have proved it doesn't work. The better way is to allow the media to do its job so that parties in power course correct and by the time they seek a repeat mandate, people don't find too many faults to throw them out. The latest victory in Kerala by Pinarayi Vijayan is a classic example of this as much as the 2019 disastrous verdict for Nara Chandrababu Naidu was of the other model. The latter had the entire media with him, but not the people. If you don't do what you were expected to, nothing matters. Neither charisma nor resources.

The victory of Mamata proves two things: One, any regional leader will have a chance only if he/she stands up to the BJP and the Union government while respecting the federal structure of the nation. Surely, some food for thought for KCR in Telangana and Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy in Andhra. Two, people are not necessarily carried away by the Hindutva crescendo the BJP builds. A balanced social and economic model, wherein the poor are given basic healthcare and education, women are financially protected while at the same ensuring development and employment opportunities, is the answer to religion.

Despite Didi's victory, the big question persists. Is it possible for non-BJP players to close ranks and build a diverse opposition? As of now, no two regional leaders can stand each other and the Congress is in no position to offer leadership. The Lalus and Mulayams are not active and Mayawati plays double and triple politics. Not all regional chieftains have displayed even a semblance of courage to hold the BJP accountable, probably afraid as they are of skeletons in their own closet.

A *TNIE* columnist sent me this message after the Bengal results: "It was a great victory but we also have to be on guard against Didi. She's no saint and her goons are awful, as the post-poll violence indicates. Democracy is a *chapati* we have to keep flipping or else, it gets burnt." Will the hope of true democracy resurrect from the ashes and embers, literally this time?

THE SUBTEXT OF THE ELECTION VERDICT

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The verdict of the elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry is a mixed bag of political messages that will be deciphered and analysed in detail in the next few weeks. While the incumbency factor led to the defeat of the AIADMK and the victory of DMK in Tamil Nadu, it helped the ruling Left Democratic Front to return to power with enhanced numerical strength. The TMC-led government in West Bengal, despite the humongous threat from the BJP, has been able to negate the incumbency factor with remarkable agility and assertiveness. Assam too has given the ruling party another term. The decimation of the Congress and the rebuffing of the BJP in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and of course in Kerala have national ramifications. Though the encrypted political message in these results will be clearer only after a while, there are certain unmistakable moral lessons.

Political rhetoric, particularly during elections, is tailor-made to suit the local situations and motivated by the sole consideration of catalysing their candidates' victory. What is relevant in Assam may be irrelevant in Kerala. Although in love and war (and elections), ethics get compromised, yet there are certain ground rules that are seldom broken even during polls (At least there used to be). However, of late we have witnessed civility ebbing in election campaigns and political morality being waylaid by shameless considerations and lust for power. In the latest elections however, the voters have finally woken up to assert their sense of political morality. Incumbency fatigue, even administrative lapses and the calculated nudge by manipulated media have had no effect on the poll verdict. On the other hand, a set of refreshing moral parameters seems to have evolved in the collective consciousness of the electorate.

Like any individual, every society too oscillates between the mean and the lofty; the selfish and the selfless. Normally the decision to vote for a candidate is influenced by narrow considerations of party loyalty, caste or other identities, regional considerations or the relative 'benefits.' Larger interests of the society, communal amity, social equity and democratic values of freedom and fairness seldom have much influence in electoral choices. They are often relegated as impersonal and impractical ideals having no import at the micro-level. As the campaigns cascade, these 'small' interests gain momentum and assume a critical mass on the polling day.

However, these election results signify the voters' readjustments to larger and lofty ideals than ever before. The results vouch that the West Bengal electorate has categorically rejected the politics of divisiveness and 'otherness'. Mamata Banerjee's government may not be faultless but the electorate would prefer it to its projected alternative. The collective mind of the electorate rejects certain ideas as undesirable and unacceptable when they go against the accepted self-image of that society. The heart of the society revolts to redeem its cherished identity and image when the gravitational pull of an alien ideology becomes overpowering. When the secular and tolerant image of Bengal was threatened, this recoil was bound to happen.

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The same matrix can be applied to the poll outcome in Tamil Nadu and Kerala. In Tamil Nadu, it is the reassertion of Dravidian identity and honour that has manifested as the present verdict, notwithstanding the widespread impression about the unedifying record of the earlier DMK regime. However, nothing is more important to a people than their identity, honour and shared values which, when threatened with the onslaught of unfamiliar ideas breeding negativity and exclusion, asserts itself through electoral opportunity.

Kerala has a political record of alternating between the two fronts every five years. This record of four decades has been broken and the LDF government has returned to power with a two-thirds majority and more seats than before. Moreover, most of the winning candidates of the LDF have an impressive majority, which too is a significant factor. For the past few months, there have been a slew of investigations by the CBI, NIA and ED arising from a gold smuggling case implicating certain functionaries in key positions. Courts too have been asking inconvenient questions about the unending investigations that reach nowhere. The general perception is that all these high-voltage investigations were designed with the political purpose of embarrassing the state government that was already fatigued after two floods, the Covid-19 pandemic and its economic and administrative trauma. That kind of hitting below the belt was unpardonable even by the ethics of political combativeness. The politically conscious electorate of Kerala had to record its seal of disapproval of this political immorality. The social consciousness of Kerala asserted its preference for political morality and civility by renewing the mandate to the LDF government and rebuffing the virus of amoral politics.

As the whole country is living in anxiety and witnessing the suffering and death of several hundreds of innocent people, it is but natural that the human heart begins to feel for the other. Even before the society and the economy have come out of the stress of last year's lockdown, the second wave of the pandemic has begun to maul our lives. This is a moment in history where people tend to look beyond themselves and feel the anguish of others. People realise that several thousands share the same financial stress and emotional trauma. When human sensitivities are heightened, lofty ideas gain acceptance over vainglorious thoughts and ideologies of discord. We live in such a moment in history, where compassion, shared feelings and selfless notions influence a society's thinking more than arrogance and acrimony.

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Face of the opposition

Now that she has managed to hold on to her bastion, it is natural that Mamata Banerjee seeks to spread her wings and make a bid for the PM's post in 2024 (*Mamata thinks big, preps to become face of Opposition in '24*, May 4). With the Congress under the Gandhis not doing well and Sharad Pawar not in the pink of health, Mamata could well become a consensus candidate of the opposition.

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Welfare measures helped

The massive mandate for the Pinarayi Vijayan-led LDF is a token of recognition from the people for the welfare measures initiated by the government when the state was caught in a quagmire.

Shaj Koodathil, Mahe

Cong's Kerala troubles

The continued defeat of the Congress in Kerala indicates that there are many lapses like leadership change gone wrong, nepotism, etc.

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Practise self-compassion

Trauma due to anything may take a toll on our mental health (*Dealing with the trauma of Covid*, May 4). Practising self-compassion, taking time to address our emotional needs and getting psychological treatment if needed will decrease the chances of emotional trauma.

P Victor Selvaraj, Palayamkottai

Legendary lawyer

This is with reference to *The passing of a legend ...* (May 4). Soli Sorabjee was the embodiment of liberal thought and broadminded. His legal skill and commitment to human rights have helped him leave a deep imprint in the minds of people.

Haribandhu Panigrahi, Tarbha

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
It would be better if the government put all the resources in the work of saving the lives, instead of constructing a new house for PM

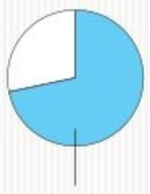
Tejashwi Yadav @yadavtejashwi
Sources revealed that the CM has instructed DMs & subordinates to delay positive report by at least 4-5 days so that number of infected can be shown less

Prashant Bhushan @pbhushan1
As thousands die due to lack of oxygen & hospital beds, PM's new residence gets emergency clearance in Central Vista project!

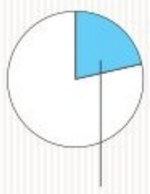
INDIA'S COVID UPDATES

3,57,229
NEW CASES IN LAST 24 HOURS

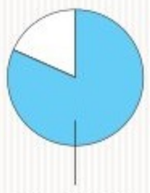
2,02,82,833
Total cases in India



71.71%
Of cases in 10 states: Maharashtra, Karnataka, Delhi, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh



21.47%
NATIONAL DAILY POSITIVITY RATE

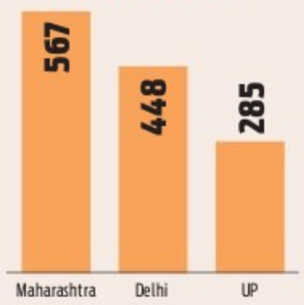


81.91%
NATIONAL RECOVERY RATE

FRESH FATALITIES

3,449
Deaths in last 24 hours

MOST DEATHS IN



2,22,408
Total deaths in India

1.10% is the national fatality rate

TESTS IN COUNTRY

16,63,742
In last 24 hours

29,33,10,779
Totals samples tested

Foreign Covid aid dispatched to 31 states, says Centre

40 lakh relief supplies distributed to 38 institutions; India due to get 4.5 lakh of Remdesivir from Egypt and more vials from Bangladesh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AS India reels under the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, nearly 40 countries have stepped up over the past one week to send essential supplies such as oxygen tanks, generators and therapeutic essentials, even as the Centre on Tuesday said that it has started distributing the foreign aid.

According to a Health Ministry statement, the aid has been distributed to 38 institutions across 31 states have received crucial medical equipment and supply sent by other countries. As the cases surged in the country, the MEA alerted its missions abroad regarding the items in demand. Sources said no formal request for made for the items.

"All the countries that have come forward to help us remember the help we provide to them during the initial phases of the pandemic. Even the 'Vaccine Matri' initiative has contributed to the outpour of help," a source said.

So far, India has received 24 different categories of items, mainly BiPAP Machines, oxygen concentrators, oxygen cylinders, PSA oxygen plants, pulse oximeters, drugs such as Faviparivir and Remdesivir and PPE kits and N95 masks numbering nearly 40 lakh. India is due to get around 4.5 lakh vials of Remdesivir from Egypt, and sources said talks are on with the authorised manufacturers of the drug in Bangladesh to get more vials of the anti-viral drug.

Meanwhile, the Health Ministry said a special cell has been constituted to coordinate the receipt and allocate the resources among states and the allocation has been done keeping in mind equitable distribution and the load on tertiary health care facilities.

Initially, states have been covered via the AIIMS and other central institutions where the critical care patients load is high and where the need is highest, the government said. Besides, the central government hospitals, including DRDO facilities in and around Delhi and in the NCR region, have also been supplemented through the aid.

The focus has largely been on tertiary health care facilities as they have a higher number of cases with severe symptoms of Covid and are often the only succour to people in the region for quality tertiary care, the ministry underscored.

The government maintained that as the material from abroad are currently coming in different numbers, specifications and at different times, there is a need to reconcile the distribution logistics with the need to reach the materials as expeditiously as possible to the states.

DATE	COUNTRY	SUPPLIES
April 27	UK	95 Oxygen concentrators, 100 ventilators
April 28	Mauritius	200 Oxygen concentrators
	Singapore	256 Oxygen Cylinders
April 28	UK	120 Oxygen concentrators
	Russia	20 large oxygen concentrators, 75 ventilators, 150 bedside monitors, 2lakh vials of Favipiravir
	UAE	157 ventilators, 480 BiPAPs, coveralls, goggles, masks
April 30	UK	280 oxygen cylinders, 40 ventilators
	Ireland	700 oxygen concentrators, 356 ventilators
	Romania	80 oxygen concentrators, 75 oxygen cylinders, 20 high flow humidify oxygen therapy devices
	USA	423 oxygen cylinders with regulators, 210 pulse oximetres, 7.84 lakh, Abott rapid diagnostic test kits, 84000 masks, 17 H-size oxygen cylinders
May 1	Thailand and Indian Association Bangkok	15 Oxygen concentrators, another 15 from the Indian community association
	Germany	120 ventilators
	Uzbekistan and Indian community	100 oxygen concentrators, 2000 vials of Remdesivir, 51 oxygen concentrators from Indian community
	USA	1028 Type H oxygen cylinders, 600 Type h oxygen cylinder regulators, 20 adaptors and 8.44 lakh N95 masks
May 2	France	8 oxygen generators, 28 ventilators, 200 electric syringe pumps, 28 AFNOR/BS Flexible tubes, 500 anti-bacterial filters, 500 machine filters, 500 related patient circuits
	Belgium	9000 vials of Remdesivir
	USA	1.25 lakh vials of Remdesivir
May 3	Italy	1 oxygen generating plant (with an installation team), 20 ventilators
	UK	60 ventilators

MEA photo shows medical equipment and other supply coming to India from Kuwait

REGION-WISE DISTRIBUTION OF FOREIGN AID, ACCORDING TO HEALTH MINISTRY

DELHI NCR: LHMC Delhi, Safdarjung Hospital Delhi, RML Hospital, AIIMS Delhi, DRDO Delhi , two hospitals in Delhi (Moti Nagar, Pooth Kalan), NITRD Delhi, ITBP Noida

EAST: AIIMS Rishikesh, AIIMS Rae Bareli, AIIMS Deoghar, AIIMS Raipur, AIIMS Bhubaneswar, AIIMS Patna, DRDO Patna, AIIMS Kalyani, DRDO Varanasi, DRDO Lucknow, District Hospital Pilibhit

CENTRAL: AIIMS Bhopal

NORTH EAST: NEIGRIHMS Shillong, RIMS Imphal

SOUTH: AIIMS Mangalagiri, AIIMS Bibinagar, JIPMER Puducherry

WEST: AIIMS Jodhpur, DRDO Dehradun, DRDO Ahmedabad, Govt Satellite Hospital Jaipur

NORTH: AIIMS Bathinda, PGI Chandigarh, DRDO Dehradun, AIIMS Jhajjar

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND PSU: CGHS, CRPF, SAIL, Railways, ICMR

Maharashtra vax supply disproportionately low, says university research

Health workers at a railway coach care centre in Ajni station in Nagpur | PTI

SUDHIR SURYWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Centre had claimed that Maharashtra has received the highest number of vaccine doses, but there are several small states such as Gujarat, Haryana and Uttarakhand which have been given more vaccines, according to an Ashoka University research paper.

According to the Centre, Maharashtra administered 1,63,38,923 doses against the supply of 1,63,62,470 by the Centre. That way, the state did the highest number of vaccinations across India.

An Ashoka University research paper says as per reports of Covid positive cases, the percentage of vaccine allocation to Maharashtra is a mere 3.68%, while the share of Gujarat is the highest at 30.59%.

After Gujarat, Rajasthan received 29.76% of doses against the total number of positive cases. Maharashtra's number in this list is 22nd across India. The vaccine is a silver bullet against Covid-19, still it has fewer doses supplied by the Centre despite having the highest number of Covid cases. In Maharashtra, total active cases are 6,56,870 while there have been 70,851 deaths.

The study further revealed that as per population, Maharashtra has also not got enough vaccines from the Centre — that percentage is 0.37 while it is 0.61 for Gujarat. The highest allocation as per population is Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Gujarat across India.

Maharashtra Congress spokesperson Sachin Sawant said the data has exposed the lies of the Central government. "They should apologise to the people of Maharashtra for blatantly lying about the actual data. The study shows there is a step-motherly treatment by the Centre because BJP failed to form a government in the state," Sawant said.

He said propaganda was at work about vaccine wastage by Maharashtra. "A report of the Centre has revealed that Maharashtra does not figure in the top 10 states for wastage of vaccines," said Sawant.

Some states show early signs of plateauing

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

EVEN as India continues to grapple with the devastating Covid-19 wave, there is some glimmer of hope as few states are showing early signs of plateauing or a small decline in daily cases. In a large number of states, however, the case trajectory continues to rise alarmingly.

A look at data reveals that the highest number of daily positive cases was reported on April 30 with 4,020,14 cases when India became the first country to reach this grim milestone, while the highest number of deaths was recorded on May 1 with 3,684 fatalities. Both daily cases and deaths, however, have come down marginally over the last three days. On Monday, the country registered 3,57,229 cases and 3,449 deaths. This fall in the numbers is a result of a drop in cases and also deaths in some surge states and this fact were acknowledged by the Health Ministry on Monday. It said states such as Delhi, MP, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and Punjab are showing early signs of plateauing or decline in daily new cases with a note of caution that these are very early signals to analyse anything.

"Some other states, however, are showing increasing trends in Covid cases and these states should take required precautionary measures," said Lav Agarwal, joint secretary in the ministry.

The states showing rising daily infections include Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur and Meghalaya among others.

Epidemiologist Giridhara R Babu stressed the need of seeing the numbers in the context of testing to detect fresh infections. According to him, while states like Maharashtra, Haryana, Rajasthan, Odisha, Punjab and Tamil Nadu seem to be doing better owing to raised tests per million but plateauing or declining cases, in others—the situation is the opposite.

Health economist Rijo M John, who has been analysing the trend said it may be too early to say if things are getting better for some states. "A few states have decreased testing in the past couple of days and the reduced cases may be due to that reason," he said. "We need to see decreasing new cases while increasing new tests to be able to say a certain state is seeing a peak."

Jaishankar, Blinken discuss crisis in first in-person meet

NEW DELHI: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken met in London late on Monday night and discussed the ongoing Covid-19 crisis and the Indo-Pacific region.

This was the leaders' first face-to-face meeting after having spoken over the phone and virtually previously. "We discussed first and foremost the strong support we are getting from the US on dealing with the Covid situation. We are very, very appreciative of that," Jaishankar said after the meeting. Sources said oxygen and related equipment will continue to be a priority between the two countries and that Washington has acted on New Delhi's request for Remdesivir.

"The leaders discussed how greater Indian vaccine production can address both India's own needs and the requirement of global public health. India and the US will collaborate bilaterally, in Quad format and through multilateral initiatives for the same," a source added.

Blinken said the US remembers well when India came to their assistance in the early days of Covid in a very important and powerful way.

So far, the US has sent five consignments of assistance, including oxygen concentrators and other related supplies, to India to deal with the ongoing Covid crisis. Sources said views were also exchanged on the Indo- Pacific strategic landscape. "The conversation brought out the convergence of interests and the ministers reviewed the progress in practical cooperation in recent months," a source said.

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Army's Delhi base hospital faces oxygen shortage

New Delhi: The situation at the Indian Army's Base Hospital in Delhi Cantonment turned distressing on Monday with the oxygen supply getting curtailed by the Delhi government. "The requirement of oxygen at the base hospital is 3.4 MT but the Delhi government was allotting only 1 MT till now. But the problem arose when it was reduced further to 0.42 MT from last night," an Army officer said. The Army had last week converted the base hospital at Delhi Cantonment area into a Covid-19 hospital to provide "extensive" medical assistance.

Rahul in favour of full lockdown

New Delhi: Accusing the Modi government of failing to tackle the Covid-19 pandemic, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said the only way to contain is a complete lockdown. "Government of India doesn't get it and it's inaction is killing innocent people. They allowed, rather, actively helped the virus reach this stage where there's no other way to stop it. A crime has been committed against India," he said. The BJP hit back, accusing him of playing cheap politics. "The only person who doesn't get it is Rahul Gandhi. Using pandemic for cheap political thrills is a new low," it said.

JEE (Main) May session deferred

New Delhi: The Centre on Tuesday announced that the May session of the Joint Entrance Examination (Main) is being deferred in the wake of the Covid situation. The April session of the test was postponed earlier, while the February and March sessions had been held. "Students are advised to keep visiting the official website of NTA (National Testing Agency) for updates," Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhariyal Nishank tweeted. The test was scheduled for May 24-28. "Keeping the present situation in mind, the JEE (Main) 2021 May session is being postponed," NTA said.

High caseload and low vax rate in Srinagar

SRINAGAR: Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir is the district worst hit by Covid-19 in the UT and accounts for over 25 per cent of total cases. But only 30 per cent of the 45-plus population has been vaccinated so far and it is the second lowest Covid vaccination percentage in the UT. J&K on Tuesday recorded 4,650 cases and Srinagar accounted for 1311. Of the total 1,91,869 cases in J&K since the outbreak of Covid-19 last year, Srinagar accounts for 48,095. Srinagar district also has the highest active cases in J&K.

COMING DOWN HARD

Delhi HC says it will not do an O_2 ostrich

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

THE Delhi High Court on Tuesday put the Centre on notice over hauling it up for contempt of court for failing to comply with its May 1 order to provide Delhi 490 MT oxygen immediately for Covid patients and a subsequent Supreme Court order to bridge the city's deficit.

In sharp comments, a bench comprising justices Vipin Sanghi and Rekha Palli told the Centre, "You can bury your head in the sand like ostrich, we won't."

Criticising the Centre for poor execution, the bench suggested: "You should hand over the distribution of oxygen tankers to an IIT or an IIM. They will do a much better job... The point is Supreme Court has said Delhi must get 700 MT, so it must get it. It's your responsibility."

While the Centre raised its supply to 433 MT on Monday night, the Delhi government said it is not enough. "Even with 420 MT people are dying," the Delhi government represented by senior advocate Rahul Mehra said. But when the Centre tried to dismiss it as rhetoric, the bench shot back: "How can you be so insensitive? Is this merely rhetoric? How can you say this? It's highly unfortunate."

The Centre also informed the court that 12 oxygen tankers are on their way to Delhi, adding it will file a compliance affidavit in the SC. But the bench retorted, "We fail to understand what good a compliance affidavit will do when the required oxygen is not being brought to Delhi."

The bench also sought to know about the Centre's plans to deploy the Army to deal with the acute Covid-19 crisis.

"Nobody is doubting that you are doing everything. But sometimes you need to act on ideas that are being presented. If you're not agreeable to deploying the Army, then please spell out the reasons," the court told the Centre.

In present times, access to tests critical: Doctor

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ASHISH Mishra, CEO of advisory firm, Unnault, explained that businesses and jobs can be revived but the same cannot be said for human lives. "The Central government should take stringent steps and push people to stay at home. This will also bring some relief to the healthcare system and allow them to treat people in dire need," he said.

America's top public health expert and White House Chief Medical Adviser Dr Anthony Fauci, too, feels India must impose a nationwide lockdown for a few weeks.

"It is quite obvious to everyone that the situation in India is extremely serious," he said in a recent interview to a news agency, adding India must focus on mass vaccination and setting up a large number of makeshift hospitals on a war footing.

However, healthcare experts in India are not convinced of the need for lockdown when the infection is already rampant and considering the fact that the new variant of coronavirus is airborne, making it more transmissible than the earlier one.

Dr Oommen John of the George Institute for Global Health India pointed out that it will be difficult to ensure that people stay within their homes in densely populated urban contexts.

"At the current stage of the pandemic, unrestricted access to diagnostic tests is critical," he said.

Having faced widespread criticism last year for imposing a nationwide lockdown without warning, the Centre this time is not in favour of shutting down the economy. On April 8, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told states to manage the Covid-19 situation without imposing any kind of lockdown.

LANDSLIDE IN CHAMOLI

Four people, including a man and his two children, had a narrow escape on Tuesday when rubble following landslides caused by heavy rain entered their home in Ghat area of Chamoli district trapping them inside

3 KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR

	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	28	Mumbai	34	28
Bhopal	39	24	Panaji	34	28
Jaipur	38	27	Patna	32	23
Amritsar	39	23	Lucknow	36	25
Chennai	33	27	Port Blair	38	28
Kolkata	32	24	Imphal	29	17
Srinagar	23	13	Chandigarh	38	24

HATE SPEECH

Twitter removes actor Kangana from platform over tweets on WB

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

A day after Bollywood actress Kangana Ranaut tweeted about the post-election violence in West Bengal, Twitter on Tuesday permanently suspended her account, saying her tweets had violated the micro-blogging site's rules.

The suspension was specifically for 'hateful conduct and abusive behaviour policy', Twitter said in a statement.

In the aftermath of the polls, Ranaut posted a series of tweets. In one of the tweets, she said there was an urgent need to protect 'nationalism in Bengal'. In another tweet, she used #PresidentRuleInBengal and said "we need super gundai to kill gundai...she (Mamata) is like an unleashed monster, to tame her, Modi ji, please show your Virat roop from the early 2000s".

A spokesperson for the social media giant said, "We've been clear that we will take strong action on behavior that has the potential to lead to offline harm."

The spokesperson said, "The referenced account has been permanently suspended for repeated violations of Twitter Rules specifically our Hateful Conduct policy and Abusive Behaviour policy. We enforce the Twitter Rules judiciously and impartially for everyone on our service."

"We consider an attempt to harass, intimidate, or silence someone else's voice as abusive behaviour," the spokesperson said. Currently, the Twitter page of the actress says "account suspended".

Responding to the action, Ranaut said, "I have many platforms I can use to raise my voice, including my own art in the form of cinema."

Modi dials Bengal governor over violence

BJP president Nadda meets kin of party workers killed, says current situation a reflection of TMC's intolerance

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

WITH the post-election violence raging across West Bengal, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday dialed the state's Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar to take stock of the situation.

Modi's call to Dhankhar came hours after the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) sought a detailed report from the West Bengal government on the law and order situation in the state. Meanwhile, BJP's national president JP Nadda arrived in Kolkata on Tuesday on a two-day Bengal visit to meet the families of the BJP workers who were killed in the violence. Nadda compared the violence to the atrocities of the people during the country's partition.

BJP's state president Dilip Ghosh requested the governor to postpone Mamata Banerjee's swearing-in ceremony till the law and order are restored.

Dhankar condemned the alleged "assault on democracy". "Police @WBPolice @CPKolkata must end senseless political violence, vandalism, arson, killings and intimidation that shames democracy. Bengali diaspora across the world has expressed concerns over the alarming lawlessness. Why post-poll violence only WB? Why this assault on democracy?" he tweeted.

BJP national president J P Nadda accompanied by party leaders meets victims of post-poll violence in West Bengal's Sonarpur on Tuesday | PTI

Nadda met the families of two BJP workers killed by alleged TMC supporters in Kankurgachi in Kolkata and Sonarpur in South 24 Parganas. "I have heard about the immense atrocities committed during the Partition. But I have never seen such post-poll violence occurring in West Bengal after the declaration of election results. The present law and order situation is a reflection of the ruling party's intolerance.," he said.

> **The present law and order situation is a reflection of the ruling party's intolerance**
>
> JP Nadda, BJP President

Meanwhile, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Tuesday ordered a spot inquiry by a fact-finding team into the incidents of violence. "Considering as a fit case of the alleged violation of Right to Life of the innocent citizens, the commission has today taken suo-motu cognizance of the matter and has requested its DIG to constitute a team of officers of the Investigation Division of the commission to conduct an on-the-spot fact-finding investigation and to submit a report at the earliest," NHRC said, in a statement.

RO is final authority on recount decisions: EC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Election Commission on Tuesday asserted that the RO (Returning Officer) is the final authority under the law when it comes to making decisions on recount. The Commission's clarification comes a day after the Nandigram RO refused TMC's request for a recount in the constituency, which TMC leader Mamata Banerjee lost to BJP's Suvendhu Adhikari.

The poll panel said the available remedy, in such a situation, is to file a petition (EP) before the High Court. The Commission also directed the chief election officer in West Bengal to ensure that all election records, including polled EVM/VVPAT, video records, and statutory papers and counting records, are held in safe custody.

Meanwhile, the West Bengal government has informed the EC that it is providing necessary security to the Nandigram returning officer.

On Tuesday, the poll panel had asked the government to ensure that all appropriate measures are taken to provide necessary security to the RO.

The EC also demanded that the RO be provided with necessary medical support.

Referring to the matter of recounting in Nandigram constituency, the EC said that Returning Officer (RO) of an Assembly Constituency performs statutory functions under the RP Act, 1951 in quasi-judicial capacity independently. "Whether it is nomination, polling or counting, the RO acts strictly in accordance with the extant electoral laws, instructions and guidelines of the ECI," it added. The RO had rejected the TMC's demand for recount, on the basis of the material facts available before him in accordance with the provisions of Rule 63 of the RP Act, and declared the result.

LeT terrorists behind Sopore attack killed in encounter

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

TWO Lashkar-e-Toiba militants, including a foreigner, who was involved in the March 29 attack on municipal office in Sopore in which two BJP councilors and a cop lost their lives, were killed in an encounter with security forces in Sopore area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Monday evening.

"One foreign terrorist involved in killing of two councillors and a policeman is trapped in the encounter," Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Vijay Kumar said in a tweet.

A police official said a joint contingent of police, CRPF and the Army launched a search operation at Nathipora area of Sopore in Baramulla district on Tuesday afternoon after receiving inputs about presence of the militants there.

After plugging off all the possible escape routes, the security men zeroed-in on the target house, where the militants were hiding.

Finding themselves trapped inside the security cordon, militants fired at the troops in a desperate attempt to escape. The forces retaliated, leading to a gunfight which went on till late evening.

The deceased militants have been identified as Wasim Ahmed Lone R/o Sopore and a foreign militant Hamas alias Asrar alias Saria, who was active in north Kashmir sicne March 2018. According to the police, both the slain militants were involved in the planing and execution of many attacks.

Hamas was also the mastermind of March 29 militant attack on municipal office Sopore, officials said.

CENTRAL OVERLAP

SC STRIKES DOWN WEST BENGAL'S LAW ON REAL ESTATE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday struck down West Bengal's law on regulating the real estate sector in the state, saying it is unconstitutional as it encroached upon the Centre's Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act.

A bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and M R Shah said the West Bengal Housing Industry Regulation Act (HIRA), 2017, is more or less identical to the Centre's RERA, and hence repugnant to the parliament's law. "The state law has encroached upon the domain of Parliament," the verdict said. "From our analysis of RERA and WBHIRA, two fundamental features that emerge are that WBHIRA overlaps with RERA and is copied word to word and it does not complement RERA. Both the statutes refer to the same entry in the concurrent list," the court said. "Once parliament has enacted a law on a subject, it is not open to the State legislature to enact a similar law and lift it word to word," the court said.

"The overlap is so significant that a test of repugnance based on the identity of subject matter is established. West Bengal has attempted to establish a parallel regime which is not Constitutionally permissible," the court ruled. It, however, said that homebuyers, who have purchased properties under state law, need not worry as the registration of their properties remains valid.

The judgement came on a plea of 'Forum For People's Collective Efforts', a homebuyers' association

ALL QUIET ON DAL LAKE

A deserted Dal Lake on Tuesday as Jammu and Kashmir government announces a lockdown following a massive increase in the toll due to Covid-19 | PTI

Assam seeing drop in number of female MLAs

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THERE has been a steady decline in the number of elected women representatives in the Assam Assembly in recent years, data shows.

Altogether 74 women had contested the recently-held Assembly elections, the results of which were declared on Sunday. Only six of them emerged victoriously.

Women account for 4.76% of seats on the 126-member Assam assembly, which represents 49.3% of women voters in the state. The 74 women who stood in this year's election constituted only 7.8% of the total 946 candidates.

The six female winners included three from BJP, two from Congress and one from Asom Gana Parishad (AGP).

They were BJP's Ajanta Neog, Suman Haripriya and Nandita Garlosa, Congress's Nandita Das and Sibamoni Bora and AGP's Renupoma Rajkhowa. While Neog, Haripriya, Das and Rajkhowa got re-elected, Garlosa and Bora are first-timers

Neog, a three-time former Congress Cabinet minister, had defected to BJP ahead of the elections.

The state's longest-serving woman MLA, Pramila Rani Brahma of the Bodoland People's Front (BPF) was among those who lost. She was a Cabinet minister in Tarun Gogoi's Congress government as well as the Sarbananda Sonowal government.

Congress had fielded the highest number of women candidates at nine. It was followed by SUCI(C), which fielded eight candidates, BJP who fielded seven, Asom Jatiya Parishad (AJP) who fielded seven and AGP who fielded two. All India United Democratic Front, BPF and Rashtriya Janata Dal had fielded one each. There were also 24 Independent candidates. In the 2016 Assembly elections, 91 women had contested and eight of them had won. In the 2011 elections, 71 contested with 14 emerged victoriously. Thirteen women were elected in 2006.

GENDER SKEW

4.7% is women's representation in 126-member Assam Assembly

7.8% of 956 candidates in this year's election were women

49.3% is the percentage of female voters in the state of Assam

Congress fields most female candidates

Congress 9 • SUCI (C): 8 • BJP: 7 • Asom Jatiya Parishad (AJP): 7 • AGP: 2 • All India United Democratic Front: 1 • BPF: 1 • Rashtriya Janata Dal: 1 • Independents: 24

FALLING NUMBERS

Year	Women contestants	Women winner
2011	71	14
2016	91	8
2021	74	6

EXPRESS READ

Modi, UK PM discuss Nirav, Mallya cases

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his UK counterpart Boris Johnson on Tuesday discussed the extradition fugitives Nirav Modi and Vijay Mallya in a virtual summit. "Discussions were held on economic offenders and their extraditions. The UK PM assured that he will do everything possible to ensure speedy extradition of the two"

Scientist behind Tejas fighter's design dies

Darbhanga: Bihar on Tuesday mourned the death of aeronautical scientist Padma Shree Dr Manas Bihari Verma, who was instrumental in developing the designs of India's indigenously developed light multi-role fighter plane—Tejas. Dr Verma breathed his last at his native home in Bihar's Darbhanga district late on Monday night.

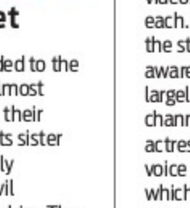
Former J&K L-G Jagmohan dies

SANA SHAKIL @ New Delhi

FORMER Union cabinet minister and lieutenant governor of Jammu and Kashmir and Delhi Padma Bhushan Jagmohan Malhotra passed away after a period of prolonged illness on Monday night.

He will be remembered for his tenures as Lt Governor of Delhi and Jammu and Kashmir. He courted criticism during his second tenure as J&K L-G for the rise in militant activities in Kashmir, and the subsequent exodus of Kashmiri pundits. He also came under fire for the Gaw Kadal massacre in which many civilians were shot dead by the CRPF. He was eventually removed from the past of L-G in May 1990, just four months into his second stint. Many at that time had gone as far as to claim that it was he who organized and facilitated the exodus to teach the majority Muslim residents of the valley "a lesson".

Senior Congress leader and former Union minister, Saifuddin Soz, wrote in his book *Kashmir: Glimpses of History and the Story of Struggle* that "There is overwhelming evidence that Jagmohan was squarely responsible for organizing the exodus of Pandits, which some people allegedly described as his effort to organize the safe passage of Pandits to Jammu and elsewhere."



Jagmohan Malhotra

However, some who witnessed the turbulent events unfold express a difference of opinion. "He is often blamed for the plight of Kashmiri Pandits, for facilitating the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits. That's not true. What is true is that the administration had broken down altogether and Kashmiri Pandits felt entirely unsafe. But that does not amount to actually encouraging people to leave," said Wajahat Habibullah who was serving at that time as the special commissioner of Anantnag district.

> **He was an exemplary administrator and a renowned scholar. He always worked towards the betterment of India**
>
> Narendra Modi

To his admirers, Jagmohan was an able administrator. During his tenure as L-G, Delhi successfully hosted the 1982 Asian Games. His tenure in J&K saw a rapid expansion of road networks there. President Ram Nath Kovind expressed his condolences. Kovind called Jagmohan "a unique town planner, able administrator, and man of letters." The President further said his "administrative & political career was marked by unparalleled brilliance."

No trace of abducted ONGC employee

Lt G Two weeks have gone by, but there is no information on the whereabouts of one of the three ONGC workers kidnapped by the United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA). The two others were rescued amid a gunfight between security forces and the militants in Nagaland's Mon district on April 24. According to the police, Ritul Saikia, a junior technician of the ONGC is held by the militants somewhere along the India-Myanmar border. Junior engineering assistant Alakesh Saikia and junior technician Mohini Mohan Gogoi, who were kidnapped along with Ritul on April 21, have been rescued. The three were abducted from the site of an oil rig in Assam's Sivasagar district.

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GUWAHATI DIARY

Ban sought on spitting, tobacco consumption

The Consumers' Legal Protection Forum, Assam has sought a ban on spitting in public. It has also called for a prohibition on the sale and consumption of pan, gutka and tobacco. In a letter to the chief secretary, it pointed out that last year, amid the pandemic, the government had banned spitting in public places and made it a punishable offence with penalty for violators. It had also prohibited the consumption and sale of smokeless tobacco products in public places. "The ICMR had appealed to the general public to refrain from consuming the smokeless tobacco product and spitting in public places during the Covid epidemic. According to WHO, chewing smokeless tobacco and areca nut (supari) increases saliva production and enhances the urge to spit repeatedly," the forum wrote.

Citizens suffer as prices of essentials skyrocket

Amid surging Covid-19 cases, skyrocketing price of groceries has added to the misery of the Guwahati residents. The prices of many items have almost doubled over the last two weeks and the residents are now venting their anger in public. The members of Assam Jatiya Parishad (AJP) and its sister organization Jatiya Yuba Shakti chose to vent their anger in a slightly different manner. Proclaiming that the Department of Food and Civil Supplies is dead, they took out a funeral procession carrying a mock bier. The bier was later immersed into the Brahmaputra. The AJP said the department is all but non-existent during these trying times.

Puppetry to spread Covid awareness

In an attempt to create mass awareness on Covid-19, the city-based Dr Anamika Ray Memorial Trust (ARMT), in its collaborative initiative with the UNICEF Assam, has produced four string puppetry videos of four to eight minutes each. Three of these are made on the storyline of creating general awareness on the pandemic and largely shared by ARMT's YouTube channel. Popular Assamese actress Chetana Das has given the voice over in one of the videos, which went viral on social media. The ARMT has urged people to share the videos to help spread awareness among people.

QUARTER OF EU RESIDENTS RECEIVES FIRST SHOT

Brussels: The president of European Union's executive arm said a quarter of all EU residents have received a first dose of Covid vaccine. "Vaccination is gaining speed across the EU: we have just passed 150 million vaccinations," Ursula von der Leyen said.

FAUCI'S ADVICE TO INDIA: CLAMP NATIONWIDE LOCKDOWN

Washington: Expressing concern over surging Covid cases in India, America's top public health expert Dr Anthony Fauci on Monday recommended a nationwide lockdown, massive vaccination drive and the construction of a large number of makeshift hospitals.

23 killed in Mexico City metro overpass collapse

Dozens injured in one of the worst accidents to strike the city's metro since its inauguration in 1969

MEXICO CITY

AN elevated metro line collapsed in the Mexican capital late on Monday, leaving at least 23 people dead and dozens injured as a train came plunging down, authorities said.

Carriages were seen hanging from the overpass in a tangle of twisted cables with the ends pointing towards the ground in a V-shape. "Unfortunately there are 23 deceased," Mexico City Mayor Claudia Sheinbaum told reporters at the scene in the south of the capital. "There are children among the dead," she said, without specifying how many.

Around 65 others received hospital treatment following the dramatic accident, one of the worst to strike the Mexico City metro since it was inaugurated in 1969. The overpass was about 5 metres above the road in the borough of Tlahuac, but the train ran above a concrete median strip, which apparently lessened the casualties among motorists on the road below.

An aerial view of the collapsed elevated section of the metro in Mexico City on Tuesday| AP/PTI

"A support beam gave way just as the train passed over it," Sheinbaum said.

Dozens of emergency workers were seen trying to rescue victims from the carriages. The work had to be suspended because of fears the wreckage was too unstable, but it later resumed with the help of a crane.

A car was trapped under the rubble, but a person inside managed to get out alive, she said. The police, who brought rescue dogs, urged onlookers to move back in case of falling debris. "Suddenly I saw that the structure was shaking," an unidentified witness told the Mexican television network Televisa. "When the dust cleared we ran... to see if we could help. There were no screams. I don't know if they were in shock," she added. The casualties were rushed to different hospitals in the city, Sheinbaum said.

She promised a structural examination of the affected metro line, which will remain closed, and a full investigation into the causes of the accident. "We will report the whole truth. Our support to all victims," Sheinbaum tweeted.

Monday's incident comes just over a year after two subway trains collided in Mexico City, leaving one dead and around 40 injured as panicked passengers escaped through dense smoke.

In January this year, one person died and 29 suffered smoke inhalation injuries in a fire in the metro's control centre.

The latest accident comes at a time when Mexico is struggling to cope with the coronavirus pandemic, which has left more than 2,17,000 people dead in the country— one of the world's highest tolls. *Agencies*

Gates to end 27 years of marriage

WASHINGTON

BILLIONAIRE philanthropists Bill and Melinda Gates have announced they are divorcing after 27 years of marriage, raising questions over how they will split their fortune and the direction of one of the world's most powerful charity organizations.

The couple, with a joint fortune estimated at $130 billion, have channelled billions into charitable work around the globe via their hugely influential Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. They said they would continue their joint work on the foundation, which funds programmes in global health, gender equality, education and other causes.

"After a great deal of thought and a lot of work on our relationship, we have made the decision to end our marriage," they said in a joint statement, posted on each of their official Twitter accounts on Monday.

Bill Gates and Melinda Gates | AFP FILE PIC

"Over the last 27 years, we have raised three incredible children and built a foundation that works all over the world to enable all people to lead healthy, productive lives," they wrote.

"We continue to share a belief in that mission and will continue our work together at the foundation, but we no longer believe we can grow together as a couple in this next phase of our lives." The statement offered no additional details on the split but said: "We ask for space and privacy for our family as we begin to navigate this new life."

BANK OF MAHARASHTRA
बैंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र Bank of Maharashtra एक परिवार एक बैंक
Zonal Office, Bengaluru, Tel: 080-46561238.
Head Office: Lokmangal,1501, Shivajinagar, Pune-5.

[Rule-8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Maharashtra under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-Section (12) of Section 13 read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002, issued a **demand notice dated 04.07.2019** calling upon the **borrower: Mr. Muniraju S,** No.24, Nagainadoddi Village, Indiavadi Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban-562106 to repay **Rs.14,97,491/-** plus interest @ 11.75% p.a with monthly rests w.e.f. 04.07.2019 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. Thereafter bank issued an intimation for **possession on 02.09.2020,** but till date you have not paid the dues to the bank.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below on 28.04.2021 and the same has been acknowledged by the borrower on 28.04.2021, in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002.

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Bank of Maharashtra, ANEKAL Branch** for an amount of **Rs.10,34,847/-** plus interest @ 11.75% w.e.f. 26.04.2021.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY SEIZED:

All the piece and parcel of converted land in Sy.No.117/2A measuring an extent of 10 Guntas and 117/2B measuring an extent of 10 guntas totally measuring 21780 Sq.Ft. present Khatha No.259/29/117 2A/117 2B at Nagainadoddi Village, Indiavadi Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal, Bangalore Rural-562106 along with all the rights, interests and improvements made thereon and is **bounded as: To the East:** Land bearing Sy.No.117/8, **To the West:** Land bearing Sy.No.117/4b, **To the South:** Panchayath Road, **To the North:** Land bearing Sy.No.117/2.

The possession notice issued on 02.09.2020 stands withdrawn unconditionally without prejudice to bank's right to proceed under present notice.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 05/05/2021

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
Bank of Maharashtra

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE, DEPTT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2-BENGALURU
JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING (2nd FLOOR)
No.4, RESIDENCY ROAD, BENGALURU-560025.

FORM NO.14
(See Regulation 33(2))

TRC NO: 323/2018

Andhra Bank (Now Union Bank of India)
Electronic City Branch
No.60/4, Ground Floor, Environ towers, Hosur Road, Konappana Agrahara, Bangalore-560100.
Certificate Holder

Versus

M/s Sujan Industries & Others -Defendants

DEMAND NOTICE

1. M/s Sujan Industries
Unit 1, No.21/7, Ravi Industrial Estate, 4th Main Industrial Suburb, 2nd Stage, Tumkur Road, Goreguntepalya,Bangalore-560002.
2. Sri.B.S.Padmanabhachar, S/o Sri Bettakote Srinivachar,
Managing Partner, M/s Sujan Industries, G-1,
Kalarva Apartment 19th Cross, Kashimutt Road,Malleswaram, Bangalore-56055.
3. Smt.D Bharathi W/o Sri B.S.Padmanabhachar,
G-1, Kalarva Apartment, 19th Cross, Kashimutt Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560055.
4. Sri.B.A.Varadarajachar S/o Late Anjaney Bhattar,
No.12, Anjneyaswamy Temple Street, Doddabanasawadi, Bangalore-560043.
5. Sri.B.A.Sridhrachar S/o Late Anjaneya Bhattar,
Vayu Nandana Nilaya, Opp Indian Overseas Bank, Banaswadi Main Road, Bangalore-560043.
6. Sri.S.Anjan Kumar S/o Late Srinivasachar,
No.12, Anjaneyaswamy Temple Street, Doddabanaswadi, Bangalore-560043.
7. Sri.S Subash S/o Late Srinivasachar,
No.12, Anjaneyaswamy Temple Street, Doddabanaswadi, Bangalore-560043.
8. Sri.D.Vasudeva Bhattcharya S/o Late Devaraja Bhattr,
228, Vyalikaval House Building, Co op Society Layout, 6th Cross, Kempapura Agrahara, 52, 6th Cross Road, Subbanna Garden, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **TA.No.406/2017 (OA NO.1841/2015)** passed by the Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore an amount of **Rs.17,23,57,748/- (Rupees Seventeen Crores Twenty Three Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Eight Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization of the Recovery Certificate.

In additions to the sum aforesaid, you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on 29th day of October 2018.

RECOVERY OFFICER-1
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2
BANGALORE.

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:

"Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with permission of the Debts Recovery officer, not shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void , as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years.

The Odisha State Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation Limited
omfed
D-2, Sahidnagar, Bhubaneswar - 751007
www.omfed.com Ph. No.- 0674-2546030, 2540273, 2540417, Fax No: 0674-2540974, Email ID : omfed@yahoo.com

Adv.No.OMFED:HRD:RECRUIT:03:2021 Date: 05.05.2021

ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

CAD-226: OMFED, the apex Cooperative Body of Milk Producing Farmers at the State Level invites Applications from dynamic and experienced professionals for the following contractual vacancies: -

Sl. No	Name of the Post	No. of Post	Remarks
01	General Manager (Dairy Operation)	01	Contractual
02	Dy General Manager (Dairy Operation)	02	Contractual
03	Dy General Manager (Projects)	01	Contractual
04	Manager (Dairy Operation)	03	Contractual

The details of the Qualification, Experience, Terms of Reference and Application forms for the above post may be downloaded from OMFED website www.omfed.com

OMFED Management reserves the right to cancel, effect changes or alteration in the above advertisement without assigning any reason thereof and corrigendum, if any, will be published in above said website.

Managing Director

OIPR- 06063/11/0002/2122

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY
YELAHANKA, BENGALURU - 560 064
Website: rwf.indianrailways.gov.in, E-mail: workstendercell@gmail.com

Tender Notice No. RWF/S/146/2021-22/02 Dated: 03.05.2021

E-TENDERS: On behalf of the President of India, **The Principal Chief Materials Manager/RWF** invites electronic tender for the following work online through the website *http://www.ireps.gov.in* from experienced / reputed contractors in the field.

Tender No.	RWF_S_TPT_FW_1000_2021-22		
Due Date & Time	31.05.2021 - Tender closing at 14.15 hrs.		
Scope of Work	Carriage of Finished products i.e. Railway Wheels of 1000 MT from Rail Wheel Factory (RWF),Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560 064 to Various Railway Consignees in India by road, under distance slab of 500-1000 Kms. (For detail scope of work, please refer uploaded Tender document)		
Distance Slab	500 - 1000 kms.	**Quantity**	1000 MT
Estt.Tender Value	Rs. 19,80,000/-	**EMD Amount**	Rs. 39,600/-
Contract Period	12 (Twelve) months from the date of commencement of Work		

PRINCIPAL CHIEF MATERIALS MANAGER

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client intend to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner **Sri. K. Rajendra Kumar** S/o Sri. M.K. Jain, residing at No.29, 2nd Cross, 3rd Main, Hanumanthanagar, Bengaluru-560 019. Any Person/s or Institution/s having any Claim/s or Objection/s in respect of the Schedule Property may file the same along with supporting documentary evidence with the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no claim/s or objection/s is / are received by the undersigned within 15 days as stated above, my client will proceed further as the property is free from all claim/s and objection/s.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being agricultural land bearing i) **Survey No.57/2, measuring 2 Acres 03 Guntas, ii) Survey No.57/3A, measuring 1 Acres 14 Guntas, iii) Survey No.57/3B, measuring 28 Guntas, altogether measuring 4 Acres 05 Guntas, situated at Ramohalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk,** is bounded on:

East by : Land in Survey No.52;
West by : Land in Survey No.57/1;
North by : Road;
South by : Land in Survey No.59;

Signature,
H.UMASHANKAR, Advocate,
No: 8, 80ft Road, Chandra Layout,
Bengaluru-40.

IN THE COURT OF HON'BLE III ADDITIONAL FAMILY COURT JUDGE, AT BANGALORE
M.C. No. 1048/2020

Sri Lenish, S/o N.Y. Achankunju, aged about 32 years, No. 155, '5th Cross', RHB Colony, Mahadevapuram, Bangalore-97. ... **Petitioner**

-V/s-

Subi George W/o Lenish Achankunju, aged about 28 years, Aluvilaveedu, Pandithitta, Thalavoor P.O., Kollam, Kerala. ... **Respondent**

NOTICE

Whereas the above named has made petition to this court under section 27(1)(a) of Special Marriage Act for the dissolving Marriage between the petitioner and the respondent, marriage solomized on 05-01-2018 at Bethsaida Assembly of God Church, at Mahadevapuram, Bengaluru, in respect of the divorce entitled to him since the petitioner filed for restitution of conjugal rights disposed at same court on 29th February 2019 MC No. 4284/2018 after the judgement in his favor waited for two years after informing the respondent by two copies of the judgement but she didn't respond hence this public notification receive hereunder held by the petitioner. If interested the respondent is hereby to appear before Hon'ble III Additional Family Court Judge, Bengaluru in person or with a pleader duly instructed on **04-06-2021** at 11 am in the forencon to show cause against the petition, failing which the matter will be heard and determined as exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 12-04-2021.

By order of the court, Sheristedar, Family Court, Bangalore.

Address for Service:
AMUDASELVI, Advocate
147, Raghuram Layout, Ramachandrapura, Jalahalli Post, Bengaluru-560013.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the completed section of the under-noted section of the South Western Railway that the 25000 Volt, 50 Hz, AC overhead traction wires will be energized on or after the date specified against the section. On and from the same date the overhead traction line shall be treated as live at all times and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead line.

Section	Date
Arsikere Junction - Chikajajur Junction	15th June, 2021

INTRODUCTION OF AC 25 KV TRACTION "WARNING TO ROAD USERS"

It is notified for information of the Public that in connection with introduction of 25 KV AC electric traction over the section Arsikere Jn. - Chikajajur Jn. of South Western Railway, height gauges have been erected at all the level crossings with clear height between 4.76 m and 4.78 m above road level with a view to prevent loads of excessive height from coming into contact or dangerous proximity to live traction wire (Contact Wire), which shall be at a height of minimum 5.5 mtr. above the rail level at Level Crossings.

Public are hereby notified to observe the height specified above for the purpose of loading vehicles and to see that the loads carried in road vehicles do not infringe the height gauges under any circumstances.

The dangers of a load of excessive height are as follows:

I. Danger to the height gauge and consequent obstruction to the road as well as the railway line.
II. Danger to the materials or equipments carried or the vehicle itself.
III. Danger of fire and risk of life due to contract with or dangerous proximity to the conductors.

Chief Project Director
Railway Electrification, Bengaluru
PUB/35/AASP/PRB/SWR/2020-21

Government of Odisha, e- Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
Bid Identification No S.E.Dkl (R&B) 01/2021-22 Email Id - sedklpwd@gmail.com
Letter NO. 817 / Dt. 29.04.2021

B-66: The Superintending Engineer, Dhenkanal (R&B) Circle, Dhenkanal on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Percentage Rate bids in double cover system to be received in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for construction of Building works as detailed below:

1. Name of the work : Building works
2. No of works : 04 (Four) Nos.
3. Estimated Cost : **Rs. 1,03,03,275/- to Rs.3,96,72,007/-**
4. Cost offender paper : Rs 10,000.00
5. Class of contractor : 'B', 'A' & 'Special'
6. Period of Completion of work : 11 (Eleven) to 15 (Fifteen) Calendar months
7. Date and time of availability of bid Document in the website : From Dt. 10.05.2021 to 16.00 hours of Dt.24.05.2021
8. Date of opening of bid : Dt.25.05.2021 at 11.30 hours

The bidders have to participate in ONLINE biding only further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal: www.tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer,
Dhenkanal (R&B) Circle, Dhenkanal

OIPR- 34132/11/0002/2122

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA "e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Bid Identification No 06 of 2021-22

O-125: The Superintending Engineer RWS&S Division, Balangir on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Percentage bid through e - Procurement in double cover system according to norm of e - Procurement system in online mode for the different work in different blocks under Balangir District.

01. Nature of Work: - Construction of ESR, OGR, pump house with laying of rising main and distribution in different villages of Balangir District.
02. Total No of work :- 15 Nos.
03. Estimated Cost :- Rs. 65.43 to 156.34 Lakh
04. Eligible Class of Contractor :- "B & A Class" Contractor.
05. Period of Completion :- Ten month
06. Other Details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender online for bidding	
		From	To
Superintending Engineer, RWSS Division, Balangir	06 of 2021-22	Dt. 10.05.2021 At. 11.00 Hrs	Dt. 25.05.2021 upto. 17.00 Hrs

Further details can be had in the DTCN available in the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Sd/-29.04.2021
Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Division, Balangir

OIPR- 25033/11/0006/2122

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,
Corporate Office: # 109, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560004. Phone No.: 080-22956419 / 22956420,
E-mail: corporate@vcb.co.in, Website: www.vcb.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
[(Rule-8(1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited,** Bangalore under the Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with (rule 3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **10.02.2021** calling upon the borrower **Sri Krishnamurthy. A,** "Laxmi Nilaya" No. 3736, 10th Cross, 13th B Main, HAL II Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560008 and **Smt. Bharathi Krishnamurthy. R,** No. 196/1, "Lakshmi Nilaya", 7th A Main, Hampinagara, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560104 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 68,27,515/- (Rupees Sixty Eight Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Fifteen Only) as on 31.01.2021 within 60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **30th day of April 2021.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Vijayanagar Branch, Bangalore** for an amount of **Rs. 68,27,515/- (Rupees Sixty Eight Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Fifteen Only) as on 31.01.2021** plus interest from 01/02/2021 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE – (DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTIRE PROPERTY)

All that Piece and Parcel of the property bearing No.24 and 25, assessment No. 41/4, CMC Khatha No. 223, New Khatha No.164 & 165 situated at Pattanagere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring East to West 35 feet and North to South 90 feet, with total area of 3150 Sq.Ft. with building there on and bounded on the:

East by : Site No. 22 & 23, **West by :** Private Property, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Road.

Date : 30-04-2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited

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DODDABALLAPURA BRANCH
Doddaballapura, Bangalore Rural Dist., 561203
Email Id: sbi.40026@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREIN AFTER CALLED THE 'ACT')

At your request, the Bank, has extended credit facility to the below mentioned borrower against secured assets through its **Doddaballapura Branch, Doddaballapura** as under. The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement / documents & creation of mortgage by way of deposit of the title deeds are also furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/credit facilities have become irregular the debt has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guideliness issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice dated as mentioned below sent by register AD calling upon you, was unserved/ not acknowledged, this notice is now issued.

HBL: A/c No: 37728390079 / 39040308496 / DRS
1. Name & Address of the Borrowers: Sri. Shiva Shankara M S/o Eeramallappa
1. No. 52, Yogi Narayanappa Badavanne, D Cross, TV circle opp: GOVT Hospital, Doddaballapura 561203
2. Ward No. 4, Rojipura, Doddaballapura Town, Bangalore Rural dist., 561203
3. @ GANGA NILAYA, Kantanakunte Village, Kolur Road, Mallathalli Post, Doddaballapura 561203

Liability: Rs.36,35,457/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Seven Only) inclusive of interest as on 19.03.2021.
NPA Date: 01.03.2021 **Demand Notice Date: 24.03.2021**

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of the Residential House Property Bearing katha No. 2513/2513/1867/2513/2513/V.S.52, Present CMC Serial No. 1867, property No.1867/2513/V.S.52, Site no. 52, Situated at 4th stage, 4th Ward, Doddaballapura Town, measuring 1500 sq. ft & bounded on **East by:** Site No. 61, **West by:** 25 feet Road, **North by:** Site No. 53, **South by:** Site No. 51

HBL: A/c No: 64116615497 / 64119125307 / DRS
2. Name & Address of the Borrowers: Sri. Devaraju H S/O Hanumanthappa
90, Kurubarahalli village, Khasaba hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk 561203

Liability: Rs. 5,55,273/- (Rupees Five Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Three Only) inclusive of interest as on 19.03.2021.
NPA Date: 01.03.2021 **Demand Notice Date: 24.03.2021**

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property Katha No. 91, Site No.183, measuring 26 x 30 situated at Kurbarahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Tq. & Bounded on **East by:** Galli, **West by:** Galli, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Road.

TL: A/c No: 64191989519 / DRS
3. Name & Address of the Borrowers: 1. Sri. Zaheer Ahammed S/O Mohammed Yousuf, 2. Smt. Shawar Begum W/O Zaheer ahammed, Both Res. @ # 2713, 5th Ward Chickpet, Near Govt Urdu School, Doddaballapura 561203
Guarantor : Sri. Sathar Khan S S/o Safdar Khan, No. 261/391, Tank Road, Doddaballapura 561203

Liability: Rs. 3,87,434/- (Rupees Three Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Four Only) inclusive of interest as on 19.03.2021.
NPA Date: 01.03.2021 **Demand Notice Date: 24.03.2021**

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property Bearing New Katha SL. No. 483, Katha No. 355/322/5467, Situated at 5th Ward, 24th Division old Muncipal Katha No.1695/2368, 1980/4207/4197, New Nagarasabhe Sl No 483, Doddaballapura. measuring East To West 43+52/2 ft & North To South 46 ft. and bounded on **East by:** Nagarasabhe Galli, **West by:** Nagarasabhe Road, **North by:** Nagarasabhe Road **South by:** Private Property.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13. you shall not trasfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Date: 04.05.2021
Place: Doddaballapura

Sd/- Authorised Officer, State Bank of India,
Doddaballapura Branch, Doddaballapura

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DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Borrower : 1. M/s Javeed Steels. Prop : Mohd Aaqib javeed
AT – No. 30, New Bamboo Bazaar, City Market, N R Road, Bengaluru – 560 002.
2. Mohd Aaqib Javeed, S/o Mohammed Irfan Javed,
AT – No. 301, Thimmaiah Road, Civil Station, Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore - 560046.
Mortgagor/Guarantor : 1. Mohammed Irfan Javeed,
AT – No. 301, Thimmaiah Road, Civil Station, Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore – 560046.
2. Smt Fahmida Begum urf Nishat Begum, W/o Mohammed Irfan Javeed,
AT – No. 301, Thimmaiah Road, Civil Station, Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore - 560046

That you, **M/s Javed Steels (Prop-Mohd. Aaqib Javeed) & Sri Mohd. Aaqib Javeed**, have availed various loan against which there are outstanding liabilities as mentioned below. We had called upon you to clear the entire liabilities for the loans borrowed from our Branch.

You have committed default in repayment of loans as mentioned below and the loans were classified as Non Performing Assets on **12.9.2020**. The Bank through this notice brings to your attention that you have failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in hereunder to the Bank **within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice.** The notice under Sec.13(2) of the Act sent to you by Registered Post. Ack. Due on **21.4.2021**. has returned undelivered.

Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate of 13.25% per annum plus together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the bank in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the Bank the aforesaid sum of **Rs. 4,94,59,214.00 (Rupees Four Crore Ninety Four Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fourteen Only)** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, The Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Section 13(4). You are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets detailed below in terms of Section 13(13).

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Loan No.	Limit	Amount	Liability as on	Rate of Interest
0410261007378	Fund Based	Rs.1,80,00,000/-	(Rs 4,94,59,214.00 (Rupees Four Crore Ninety Four Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fourteen Only)	13.25 % per annum
0410746000004	Fund Based	Rs.1,87,00,000/-		
0410747000003	Fund Based	Rs. 13,92,818/-		
0410710000021	Fund Based	Rs. 15,42,147/-		
0410605000006	Fund Based	Rs. 35,00,000/-		
0410603000077	Fund Based	Rs. 6,89,000/-		

Details of Security Assests : 1) EMT of Site & Residential House property bearing Municipal No.301, (Old No. 21/F) situated in Thimmaiah Road, Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 79, Bangalore together with all the constructions thereon measuring on East 103 feet, on West 99 feet, on North 19 feet & 6-1/2 inches and on South 22 feet & 8 inches and bounded on the : **East by :** Premises bearing Old No. 21/E of Thimmaiah Road, **West by** : Premises bearing Old No. 21 of Thimmaiah Road, **North by** : Thimmaiah Road and **South by :** Conservancy. Name of Title holder : **Smt Fahmida Begum urf Nishat Begum w/o Sri Mohammed Irfan Javeed**, AT – No. 301, Thimmaiah Road, Civil Station, Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore – 560046.

2) EMT of all that piece & parcel of immovable property presently bearing amalgamated Corporation Khata No. 30, PID No. 47-44-30, New PID No. 119-W0162-31, (consisting of Old shop bearing old No. 11 & 12, later No. 30, PID No. 47-44-30 & Old Shop No. 31, PID NO. 47-44-31), situated at New Bamboo Bazaar Road, Bangalore City within the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and measuring East to West : 20 Feet and North to South : 20 Feet in all measuring 400 Square Feet and bounded on the : **East by :** N R Road, 1st Cross, **West by :** Private Property, **North by :** New Bamboo Bazaar Main Road, **South by :** Shop premises belonging to Mahaboob Pasha. Name of Title Holder : **Sri Mohammed Irfan Javeed, S/o A S Javeed,** AT – No. 301, Thimmaiah Road, Civil Station, Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore - 560046.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 4.5.2021

Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
465.01 ▼	Sensex	48,253.51	₹7 ▲	24 carat (1 gm)	₹4,697	₹1,730 ▲	Per kg	₹70,205	▲ Dollar		73.85
137.65 ▼	Nifty	14,496.5	₹7 ▲	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,678	₹1.73 ▲	Per gm	₹70.2	▲ Euro		88.72

Serum Institute to invest ₹2,400 cr in UK expansion

To support clinical trials, R&D, and possible vaccine manufacturing

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

OVER 20 businesses, including Adar Poonawalla's Serum Institute of India (SII), said they will invest a cumulative ₹10,000 crore in the United Kingdom under the India-UK Enhanced Trade Partnership. SII will invest ₹2,400 crore in the UK to expand its vaccine business and set up a new sales office in a project that will create a large number of jobs. Serum's investment will support clinical trials, research and development, and possibly, even the manufacturing of vaccines. SII has already started phase one trials in the UK for a nasal vaccine against coronavirus.

The Pune-based vaccine manufacturer is among nearly 20 Indian companies across sectors such as hefalthcare, biotech, and software services to announce significant investment plans in the UK. Biotech firm Global Gene Corp announced an investment of GBP 59 million over the next five years in a project that would create 110 highly skilled jobs in the UK, mostly based in the R&D centre at Wellcome Genome Campus in Cambridge—the site of the Human Genome Project.

The partnership signed commits both sides to addressing immediate market access barriers as well as continuing to seek further opportunities on the road to a Free Trade Agreement.

Other Indian investments were announced on Monday ahead of the virtual summit between Johnson and Modi on Tuesday, along with an estimate on the number of jobs tese projects could create in the UK, such as Q-Rich Creations at GBP 54 million (667 new jobs); Wipro at GBP 16 million (500 jobs); I2 Agro at GBP 30 million (465 jobs); and Sterlite Technologies at GBP 15 million (150 jobs). Other companies such as SNVA Ventures, Skillmine, CtrlS Data Centers, Que Processing Services, Cron Systems, TVS Motors-Norton, Prime Focus Technologies, Route Mobile at GBP 20 million, and Goila Butter Chicken also announced significant investment in the UK.

The ETP also covers around 20 export deals clinched by British firms such as Morningside Pharmaceuticals, Polymateria, CMR Surgical, etc.

> **Each and every one of the more than 6,500 jobs we have announced today will help families and communities build back from coronavirus and boost the British and Indian economies**—Boris Johnson, PM, UK

DoT approves applications for 5G trials, telcos using no Chinese tech

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

THE Union government's Department of Telecommunications on Tuesday approved applications for conducting highly-awaited 5G technology trials from companies including Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea, and MTNL. 5G technology is expected to deliver ten times better download speed than that of 4G.

While the DoT's statement says that the permissions given by the DoT are as per the "priorities and technology partners identified by the telecom service providers (TSPs) themselves", the fact remains that no Chinese technology partner will be participating in these trials.

The list of telecom gear makers approved for trials include Ericsson, Nokia, Samsung, C-DOT and Reliance Jio's indigenously developed technologies. The duration of the trials, at present, is for a period of 6 months. This includes a time period of 2 months for procurement and setting up of the equipment, DoT said in a statement.

"The trials will reduce the time gap between 5G spectrum auction and roll out of the networks. In the past, trials happened after auction, however, now we will be gaining time and telecom operators will be prepared in advance for the 5G network. They will be able to choose their vendors, technology and type of equipment," said Telecom Secretary Anshu Prakash.

COAI hails move

Telecom industry body COAI said that the government's decision to start exhaustive 5G trials in across India will stimulate the local R&D ecosystem to develop innovative applications

The permission letters also specify that each TSP will have to conduct trials in rural and semi-urban settings too, to ensure that the benefit of 5G proliferates across the country and not just in urban areas.

"BSNL will conduct trials separately. Their applications will come soon," Prakash said. The presence of Chinese telecom companies in 5G trials had been a matter of controversy over the past year. While initially, Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea had submitted proposals to carry out trials using Chinese firm Huawei, they had later submitted separate applications with no Chinese partners.

MFI repayments start falling again, industry heads meet RBI Governor

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE crisis-ridden microfinance industry has started to see collections falling again overshadowed by the raging second wave of the coronavirus pandemic. Though some states have classified the microfinance industry as an essential activity, the cash flows of borrowers have been affected due to the lockdown-like restrictions, thereby affecting their repayment ability.

According to Sachin Sachdeva, Vice President and Sector Head, Financial Sector Ratings, ICRA, the industry may witness a sequential drop of 8-10 per cent in collections in April 2021.

"Several states/Union Territories (UTs) have either imposed lockdowns or have placed significant restrictions on people movement and gatherings to curb the spread of pandemic. This is creating disruptions in the economic activities and impacting the field operations of microfinance institutions (MFIs) Good on-balance sheet liquidity and sizeable provisions created in FY21 provide cushion for absorbing further shocks. Nevertheless, the severity of the impact would depend on the time taken for the pandemic to subside. Collection may dip further if the infections continue rising and more restrictions are imposed across locations," he said in a note.

On Monday, RBI Governor Shaktianta Das met the representatives of NBFC-MFIs and the two industry associations—a-Dhan and MFIN (microfinance institutions network). Das asked these lenders to assess the ground level situation and stressed that these lenders need to follow appropriate risk management.

Air India pilots demand vaccination on priority

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AIR India pilots have threatened to stop working if they are not vaccinated immediately on priority, stating that they were in no position to continue risking their lives and their families'.

"With no health care support to the flying crew, no insurance, and a massive opportunistic pay cut, we are in no position to continue risking the lives of our pilots without vaccination. Our finances are already spread thin covering our bedridden colleagues and provisioning for families lest we inadvertently infect them with the deadly virus that is an ever-present occupational hazard for us," pilot body ICPA said in a letter written to AI management.

It added, "If Air India fails to set up vaccination camps on a Pan India basis for the flying crew above the age of 18 years on priority, we will 'STOP WORK'."

The pilots also accused the management of only paying lip-service noting that vaccine camps held at a few bases were only for employees doing desk jobs. "Many crew have been diagnosed Covid positive and are struggling to get oxygen cylinders. We are left to fend for ourselves for hospitalisation," said their letter. Meanwhile, at least 30 people on board Air India's Amritsar-Rome flight last Wednesday were found positive for Covid-19 on arrival. At least two of the 30 people are flight crew members.

INCENTIVES

Foxconn, Dell among hardware cos that applied for PLI scheme

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

APPLE'S contract manufacturers Foxconn and Wistron, computer firm Dell and domestic company Lava are among the 19 companies that have applied for investments under the production linked incentive scheme for IT hardware manufacturing, the Ministry of Electronics and IT (Meity) said on Tuesday.

According to the ministry, the scheme is expected to lead to total production worth around ₹1.6 lakh crore. Out of the total production, IT hardware companies have proposed production worth over ₹1.35 lakh crore, and domestic companies have proposed production to the tune of more than ₹25,000 crore, Meity said. "The electronics hardware manufacturing companies that have applied under category IT Hardware Companies are Dell, ICT (Wistron), Flextronics, Rising Stars Hi-Tech (Foxconn) and Lava," it said.

Fourteen other companies have filed applications under the category of domestic companies. They are Dixon, Infopower (JV of Sahasra and MiTAC), Bhagwati (Micromax), Syrma, Orbic, Neolync, Optiemus, Netweb, VVDN, Smile Electronics, Panache Digilife, HLBS, RDP Workstations and Coconics.

"These companies are expected to expand their manufacturing operations in a significant manner and grow into national champion companies in IT Hardware production," the statement said. Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for IT Hardware was notified on March 3.

ASIANOMICS

SRI LANKA

WORST ECONOMIC DOWNTURN IN 73 YEARS

Sri Lanka announced that its economy shrank 3.6% last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, making it the worst downturn since independence from Britain in 1948. The unprecedented recession compared with a 2.3% GDP growth in 2019, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka said in its annual report for 2020. It hoped the economy would rebound in 2021 and record an optimistic 6% growth on the back of improved local manufacturing and services. The pandemic hit the island's lucrative tourism sector hard, while a sharp contraction was seen in construction, manufacturing, and services. The central government's debt also rose to 101% of GDP last year, up from 86.8% the previous year, underscoring the debt crisis. International rating agencies have expressed fears for Sri Lanka's ability to service its huge foreign debt as the country's foreign reserves fell sharply in the past year. Chinese influence in the South Asian nation has been growing in recent years through loans and projects under its vast Belt and Road infrastructure initiative, raising concerns among regional powers and Western nations.

SOUTH KOREA

BANK OF KOREA WARNS OF UNCERTAINTIES

Bank of Korea (BoK) said it wouldn't be in a rush to tighten monetary policy despite an expected pickup in the economy due to uncertainities over Covid-19, minutes of its April meeting released Tuesday showed. The BoK, which met on April 15, kept the seven-day repurchase rate unchanged at 0.5%, as expected, amid concerns that rising coronavirus cases could derail the economic recovery. A majority of board members expected inflation to acccelerate to about the 2% level, but at least two stressed that stronger inflationary pressures may not change the picture on the rate outlook as the job market remains weak. The BoK sees the economy expanding at 3-4% this year after contracting by 1% in 2020. "Considering still huge uncertianities related to the coronavirus and vaccines, it seems too early to discss the normalisation of monetary policies," the minutes showed.

ASIA

ASEAN PLUS CHINA, JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA TO BOOST

Finance ministers and central bank governors from Asean, China, Japan and South Korea vowed to strengthen regional financial cooperation while providing continued support for countries hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic. In a joint statement issued after a virtual meeting, they pledged to achieve inclusive recovery, preserve long-term fiscal sustainability and maintain financial stability. The recovery appears uneven across, and within, countries, and subject to possible elevated risks including the spread of new variants and different paces of vaccination. Universal health coverage, responses to the coronavirus, climate change, high-quality infrastructure and debt transparency, and sustainability in emerging Asia will top the agenda at the ADB gatherings, says Japan's finance minister, Taro Aso.

Adani Ports may abandon Myanmar project: Filing

₹1,288 cr
consolidated Q4 profit

APSEZ reports a 285% growth in profit

APSEZ reported a 285 per cent year-on-year growth in consolidated profit at ₹1,287.81 crore for the quarter ended March 2021. Its revenue from operations during the quarter grew by 23.5 per cent.

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

ADANI Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) may abandon its controversial Myanmar container terminal project and write down the investment if the project is found to fall afoul of sanctions placed by the United States.

"In a scenario wherein Myanmar is classified as a sanctioned country under the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), or if OFAC opines that the project violates the current sanctions, APSEZ plans to abandon the project and write down the investments," the company said in a regulatory filing on Tuesday.

It added, "The write-down will not materially impact APSEZ, as it is equivalent to about 1.3 per cent of the total assets." The development comes a month after the S&P Dow Jones Indices had removed Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) from its sustainability index following reports of its business ties with Myanmar's military which had lead a coup against the elected government and carried out violent crackdowns against protestors.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹1,403.8
Target Price ₹1,785
TITAN

Titan's 4QFY21 result was in line with our expectation. The factors that led to strong Jewellery demand were decline in gold prices; robust wedding demand; absence of other avenues of spending on a wedding, thus boosting Jewellery sales; and gains from other organized and unorganized players. Balance Sheet improvements, especially on the working capital front, were impressive.

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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EXPRESS READ

L&T Infotech Q4 net profit increases by 28% to ₹545.7 crore

New Delhi: L&T Infotech (LTI) on Tuesday reported a 27.6 per cent rise in consolidated net profit to ₹545.7 crore for the quarter ended March 2021. This was against a net profit of ₹427.5 crore in the same period a year ago, LTI said. Its revenue from operations grew 8.5 per cent to ₹3,269.4 crore in the reported quarter from ₹3,011.9 crore in the year-ago period, it added.

Adani-Total Gas Q4 net profit up 19% driven by new expansions

New Delhi: Adani Total Gas Ltd, the city gas joint venture of Adani Group and French energy giant Total, on Tuesday reported a 19 per cent rise in its March quarter net profit as the firm expanded operations in newer geographies, resulting in higher sales volumes. Net profit in the January-March quarter of FY21 was ₹145 crore against ₹122 crore in the corresponding quarter last year.

COVID IMPACT

As pandemic rages on, hotels begin turning into 'Halfway Hospitals'

PAVAN LALL

IF the global pandemic spurred hospitality players to pivot to offering staycations and delivering food to consumers in a bid to keep their business engines from coming to a grinding halt, the second Covid wave has brought them even closer to the battle. Some hotel operators are tying up with hospitals to offer their properties as 'halfway hospitals' for patients battling Covid-19.

ITC Hotels has designated four locations so far for the repurposing. An official says, "Most of these hotels have a reasonably large inventory. Intention is to support the cause and help add to the supply of rooms/beds. It is need based and will be evaluated from time to time." The way it works is that guests who wish to avail this facility are guided to the affiliate hospital, who assess their condition and validate the level of care, medical attention or treatment needed. "Asymptomatic guests are then assigned by the hospital to Welcomhotels."

Jaslok Hospital and Research Centre Mumbai recently started a similar exercise at Taj President - Cuffe Parade. Mayur Kawle who works with Jaslok's marketing team says the rates are at around ₹6,000 for a single room and that the package includes daily meals, is only for asymptomatic or mild symptomatic Covid-19 positive patients, restricted to patients between 18 and 55, offers round-the-clock assistance from nurses and oxygen beds as well priority transitions to Jaslok Hospital in the event of any serious ailment and subject to supply of rooms and beds.

Several hotel companies have recently begun partnering with hospitals | EXPRESS

Prices for other hotels across the country vary based upon location of facility by hotel and hospital. Jaslok has 175 beds dedicated for Covid-19 and so hotels which have a couple hundred rooms will definitely take the load off all hospitals, says Geoge Alex, COO at Jaslok Hospital. "We think for another month, the demand will be high and hopefully settle after".

ITC's spokesperson said that as part of their affiliation, the hospital would place their designated healthcare professionals to monitor key parameters and guest wellbeing. "They are under hospital supervision. All medical arrangements are taken care of by the hospital," the spokesperson said. For its own part, ITC ensures accommodation, housekeeping, and the right diet as per medical advice. ITC Welcomhotel Dwarka in Delhi was one of the first to offer such a facility supported by Manipal Hospital. Other ITC properties being used for the project include locations such as Coimbatore (GKNM Hospital), Chennai, and Bengaluru.

Lemon Tree Hotels has also offered around 6 hotels to various hospitals in Gurugram, Delhi, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad (as of May 1, 2021) for mild/asymptomatic Covid patients and will be partnering with hospitals such as Apollo and Medanta to offer services that include medically supervised rooms with oral medication, 24/7 doctor and nursing coverage, 24/7 ambulance support, on call consultation with dietician (once), etc.

"This partnership between hotels and healthcare providers will create additional capacity to help manage the second wave. In fact, this combination can be used to create instant and temporary capacity even for the future, which is a big learning," said Patu Keswani, chairman of Lemon Tree Hotels.

Officials say that, broadly, Covid-19 patients fall into three or four categories: The asymptomatic ones; the moderate or mild symptomatic ones; those on the cusp of being serious with commingling complications; and those that are seriously ill. The first two can be accommodated and supported by the "halfway hospital" model but the progressive requirement of creating an intensive care kind of environment for the last two categories requires intervention by doctors and more sophisticated equipment and professionals. The system requires patients to pay hospitals directly during reservations and admissions, and the medical companies reimburse the hotels.

(The author is a senior journalist based in Mumbai)

Top BFI official Sacheti dies after battling Covid

The Boxing Federation of India's Executive Director R K Sacheti died on Tuesday after battling Covid-19. He was 56. The long-serving administrator was fighting the dreaded infection at a hospital here for the past few days and was on ventilator support.

AFTER IPL, T20 WC AT STAKE

Covid cases force BCCI to postpone league, World Cup may move to UAE from India

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

THE BCCI's worst fears have come true. In fact, the concerns raised by the IPL Governing Council as early as January has come to bite them. Mid-way through the tournament, the IPL has been postponed indefinitely after five individuals tested Covid-19 positive in three different teams in a bio-secure environment. Financial repercurssions aside (estimated around ₹2,000 crores), the decision means the T20 World Cup which India is scheduled to host in October-November is now all but certain to be heading to the United Arab Emirates.

It culminates a week during which the BCCI and the IPL has faced criticism for going ahead with the event in New Delhi and Ahmedabad — two of the worst-hit cities in terms of the pandemic. "The BCCI does not want to compromise on the safety of the players, support staff and the other participants involved in organising the IPL. This decision was taken keeping the safety, health and well-being of all the stakeholders in mind," the IPL said in a statement.

After Kolkata Knight Riders players Varun Chakravarthy and Sandeep Warrier tested positive, Chennai Super Kings' bowling coach L Balaji and their service staff too tested positive. It forced the IPL and the BCCI into a huddle. With the virus breaching the bubble, there were concerns among the players.

It is understood that the BCCI is looking to find a window to complete the remaining matches or to host a fresh mini-IPL. It could take place before the T20 World Cup or after, which is now moving closer to the UAE with every passing day. Although the ICC was expected to decide on the World Cup only in June, the decision to postpone the IPL in India allows them to act quick. It will ensure more preparation time as the event is only six months away.

Relief for players

The decision to postpone the IPL was greeted with relief by players, who have been living under constant fear, especially after they found the bubble to be vulnerable over the past week. Unlike the centralised bio-bubble that was in place for the last IPL in the UAE, this hasn't been as secure and fool-proof. Even though the BCCI has cleared the players to return home, teams with Covid-19 positive cases will stay put in respective bubbles to complete their six-day isolation period and have to test negative thrice before stepping out. Meanwhile, the Australian contingent in the IPL have been told to make a choice. They can either stay in India until their government opens the border for them or head to a different country where they can quarantine for 14 days before heading back home.

Isolation to continue

With franchises handling the bubble this time, the players have not had full faith in the bubble, more so because the caravan format has ensured frequent air travels, which proved to be costly. All positive cases have been reported only after the teams moved from Chennai and Mumbai to Delhi and Ahmedabad.

OUR IPL SPACE

Food on wheels service to help those in home isolation

SUBASHINI VIJAYAKUMAR @ Erode

THE steady rise in Covid-19 cases in the district means that the number of people in home quarantine has also increased in recent days. Several people, down with infection and unavailable to manage expenses without having access to work, have been struggling get good food. To help them tide over the crisis, two college students have come up with the idea of preparing food and giving it to them.

Gowtham Bharathi and Gayathri, studying Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering, in Madras Institute of Technology, Anna University, deliver food to around 20 people. Their friends help them out with logistics and there are plans afoot to expand their initiative.

"After colleges were closed due to Covid-19 in March 2020, I have been staying in Erode. I was preparing for the civil services examination using the time. This year, when the second wave of Covid-19 hit, I was talking to my classmate Gayathri and we realised this year was going to be difficult than the last. We wanted to do something to help the people and contacted the government hospital to see if they needed any help.

They said they would call us if they needed volunteers. In the meantime, we wanted to do our bit in this crisis and realised that there are many people in home isolation. That is when the idea of delivering home-cooked food to them came to us," said Gowtham.

College students are providing food to those in isolation

HOW TO REACH

If you know anyone in Erode city who are home quarantined or unemployed due to the pandemic and in need of food, please contact Gowtham Bharathi - **9566808548.** You are also welcome to join their team as a volunteer to cook and deliver food to the needy.

"Currently, there are around 10 people in our team. We have divided ourselves into two teams for cooking and transportation. Most of them are our school mates and friends. We also got some volunteers through posts on Instagram. Based on the requests received daily, we ask each of them to prepare food for two to three people in their homes and deliver it," said Gayathri.

The volunteers also check if there are others who need food in the locality. We provide idlies for breakfast and dinner and variety rice for lunch. "We are delivering food to Karungalpalayam, Surampatti Valasu, Moolampalayam and Rangampalayam so far," the duo added.

They are also planning to expand this programme to other districts with the help of their classmates.

REAL CHALLENGE FOR CHELSEA

Thomas Tuchel's Chelsea could have sealed the tie in the first leg but missed their chance. Will Real Madrid make the Londoners pay? Talking points for the second leg of the Champions League semifinal on Wednesday...

BENZEMA THE MAIN MAN

This is stating the obvious but this has to be said. Real are heavily reliant on the Frenchman. Since Cristiano's departure, Benzema has assumed the status of talisman. In London, much will depend on how he plays and links up play.

CHELSEA'S MULTIPLE THREATS A BONUS

The Blues may have not scored as many goals as they would like — Timo Werner is especially culpable — but what's offset that is the multiple goalscorers they have in their ranks. They have had six different players who have found the net since April 1 in all competitions.

RETURN OF RAMOS

For the biggest of games, you would your biggest of names. In this regard, Sergio Ramos couldn't have timed his return to perfection. Even though the loss of Raphael Varane is a concern, Ramos' know how and nous is a boost for the side. They will be further boosted by the return of the likes of Fede Velverde and Marcelo.

FIRST LEG 1-1

4 Real haven't beaten an English side in England in their last four matches

3 If Chelsea do manage to get the better off Real, they will advance to their Champions League final

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Tight measures for Oly qualifying rowing event

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

THE World Rowing Asia Oceania Continental Olympic and Paralympic Qualifying Regatta, starting Wednesday in Tokyo, will serve as a precursor to the Olympics that is scheduled in the same city a couple of months later. The event will be staged under strict restrictions with even members from the same team not allowed to interact with each other in person. Similar protocols are likely to be in place during the Games.

"We can only call each other or exchange text messages as we are not allowed to talk," Jakar Khan, India's rower who is scheduled to compete in single scull heat scheduled on the first day, told this daily. A 14-member team from India reached the Japanese capital on Friday. Every team member is given a single room with a complete ban on visitors. Participating nations have been given separate slots for dining purposes. "We go to the dining area together but cannot interact with each other as everyone is under surveillance. Even during training, we practise in a staggered manner," added Khan.

The Indian team includes four male and as many female rowers. The men's team consists of Khan, Arjun Jat and Arvind Singh while Sunil Attri is kept in reserve. Similarly, the women's team comprises Khushpreet Kaur, Vindhya Sankat and Rukmani Dangi. Sona Keer will be in reserve. Shantanu Tripathi is the lone Indian rower who will compete in the paralympic event.

The team decided not to carry equipment due to travel restrictions. They instead hired boats and other equipment on Sunday. "They (equipment) are good. Heats in single and double scull will be held on Wednesday. Semifinals and finals will be held on Thursday and Friday," informed Khan, who is expected to make the Olympic cut. In order to qualify, a rower has to finish in top-5 in single scull while in double scull, a rower has to finish in the top-three.

> *We go to the dining area together but cannot interact with each other as everyone is under surveillance. Even during training, we practise in a staggered manner*
>
> Jakar Khan, Indian rower

EXPRESS READ

Mourinho returning to Serie A with Roma

ROME: Jose Mourinho was hired Tuesday to coach Italian club Roma starting next season. The move came a few hours after the club's American owners announced that current coach Paulo Fonseca will depart at the end of this season. Mourinho's contract is for three seasons. Mourinho previously coached in Serie A at Inter Milan.

Padukone recovering from coronavirus

NEW DELHI: Legendary Indian badminton player Prakash Padukone has tested positive for Covid-19 and is recovering from the infection at a hospital in Bengaluru. The 65-year-old, who is the first Indian to win the prestigious All England Championships title in 1980, is likely to be discharged later this week.

Indian women players get NOC for 'The Hundred'

NEW DELHI: The BCCI has granted No Objection Certificates (NOCs) to four Indian women cricketers, including T20 captain Harmanpreet Kaur, to play in the inaugural 'Hundred' tournament in the UK starting on July 21. Opener Smriti Mandhana and all-rounder Deepti Sharma are among the four bound for the 100-ball tournament. The name of the fourth player is not yet known.

Maradona did not get proper treatment: doctors

AP @ Beunos Aires

A MEDICAL report on the death of Diego Maradona given to prosecutors Monday said the Argentine soccer legend agonized for more than 12 hours, did not receive adequate treatment and could still be alive if he had been properly hospitalized.

The medical panel worked for two months on the report which was written by more than 20 doctors. Maradona is considered one of the greatest soccer players ever. The document further complicates the defense of seven people under investigation in the case.

NOBLE GESTURE

La Liga India in talks to offer Covid help

MARTIN JOSEPH @Kochi

HELP has been pouring in from various quarters as India battles the Covid-19 crisis and La Liga India is also planning to step in and offer their support.

"We (La Liga) are in talks with a couple of NGOs operating in India to extend some help. Just some humble help I should say. The problem is so huge that the best way is as many of us contribute in small ways. Many small ways make a big way of helping. We are in talks and actually in advanced talks with some of the NGOs," said Jose Antonio Cachaza who is the Managing Director of La Liga India during a virtual interaction on Tuesday.

La Liga has a huge fanbase in India with many supporting clubs like Real Madrid and Barcelona. The league is having one of the tightest finishes in recent memory with four teams in contention for the title. The four teams who are in contention go head to head in the next round as league leaders Atletico Madrid go up against third-placed Barcelona while defending champions and second placed Real Madrid meet fourth placed Sevilla.

Jose believes that these blockbuster clashes could act as a distraction from the grim situation. "It will be four great hours of football that will help us forget the madness that we are living through," he said.

Despite polarising opinions, for many, the Indian Premier League served a similar purpose. But after a few tested positive inside the bio-bubble, the IPL has been suspended Tuesday.

While the senior men's football season in India got completed in March, there are question marks over the upcoming season especially when it comes to convincing foreign players to come and play in the ISL and I-League.

Jose feels the situation will improve and the season can proceed under a controlled environment.

"I am optimistic in the sense that sort of what India is suffering right now, Spain suffered it about one year ago. It won't last forever and the situation will improve. The ISL should be starting in September or October and so we should trust that by then the situation in India will be under control or improve at least. Look at what ISL did last season. They did a magnificent job conducting the whole competition in Goa quite successfully," he said.

Meanwhile, La Liga ambassador and former Sevilla striker Frederic Kanoute also extended his solidarity for the people of India.

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BRIEF E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

E-Tenders are invited for the supply of following materials.
(1) HDPE Can (25 Ltrs. capacity) - 623 Nos. (2) L.D.P.E Cover-1050 Kgs. (3) Di-Ammonium Hydrogen Phosphate (Technical Grade 97%) - 12 M.Ts. and (4) Ethephon 10% - 770 Lit.
The last date for submission of tender documents is 01.06.2021 upto 15.00 hrs.
The date of opening tenders is 03.06.2021 at 15.30 hrs.
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(INVITATION FOR QUALIFICATION)

No.MEE-CMEP1-MIS-CONVE-V1-20(60768) Dated : 5 /5/2021

The Board of Trustees of V.O.Chidambaranar Port invites Application from interested parties (Applicants) in accordance with the Request For Qualification (RFQ) for the project **"Conversion of 9th Berth as Container Terminal through Public-Private Partnership on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) basis".**

Name of Work	Conversion of 9th Berth as Container Terminal through Public-Private Partnership on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) basis at V.O.Chidambaranar Port.
Indicative Project Cost	**Rs.434.17 Crores.**
Sale of RFQ Document	**05.05.2021 to 17.06.2021**
Last date of receiving queries regarding RFQ	**29.05.2021**
Pre-Application Conference	**03.06.2021 at 11.00 hours**
Last date for submission	**Up to 15.00 hours on 18.06.2021**
Date of opening	**15.30 hours on 18.06.2021**
Validity of Tender	180 days from the last date fixed for submission of Tender

For Minimum Eligible Qualifying criteria Applicants may visit Port Website: **www.vocport.gov.in** . RFQ document can be obtained from the office of **Chief Mechanical Engineer , V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust at Tuticorin** on submission of a demand draft (Non-refundable) drawn in favour of Financial Adviser & Chief Accounts Officer, V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust payable at Tuticorin of **Rs.59,000 /-** including GST (Rs. 1000/- extra for postage / courier charges).

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Sl. No.	Particulars	Enquiry No.
1	Preventive and Breakdown maintenance of RMUs in East, West, North and South Circles of BESCOM	BESCOM/BCP-1270/2021-22/East
2		BESCOM/BCP-1271/2021-22/North
3		BESCOM/BCP-1272/2021-22/West
4		BESCOM/BCP-1273/2021-22/South
5	Procurement of LT Aerial Bunched Cables of size 3x95+1x70+ 1x16 Sq.mm (Short Term Tender)	BESCOM/BCP-1274/2021-22
6	Rectification / repair of faults in the 11kV UG Cable in East, West, North and South Circles of BESCOM.	BESCOM/BCP-1275/2021-22/East
7		BESCOM/BCP-1276/2021-22/North
8		BESCOM/BCP-1277/2021-22/West
9		BESCOM/BCP-1278/2021-22/South

Bid Documents available: **05.05.2021onwards to 04.06.2021 15:00 Hrs.** Last date for Bid Submission: **04.06.2021 15:00Hrs.** for Sl. No. 1to 4 & 6 to 9, And for Sl. No. 5, **20.05.2021 15:00 Hrs.** Opening of Bid Document: **05.06.2021 15:15Hrs.** for Sl. No. 1to 4 & 6 to 9, And for Sl. No. 5, **21.05.2021 15:15Hrs.** The Tender documents can be obtained through e-procurement portal website: **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Aspiring bidders need to register on e-procurement portal. Further Bidders can take assistance with e-procurement help desk contact numbers: **91-8046010000, +91-8068948777** or email at **support@eprochelpdesk.com.**

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Invitation for Tenders (IFT) (Short Term)KW-3

e-Tender Notification

1) The **Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Sirasi** invites tenders from eligible tenderers, for the construction of works detailed in the Table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for any or all of the works given in the Table. **The price tender which will be opened only if the Tenderer is found to be qualified to execute the tendered works. The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. (26.03.2021)** 2) **Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam under login for Contractors: 3) Tenders must be accompanied by EMD Declaration form Proforma attached 4) Tenders must be electronically submitted (on-line through internet) with in the date and time published in e-procurement portal. The technical bid will be opened after prescribed time and date in the eprocurement portal, in the presence of the Tenderers who wish to attend at the Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Department, SIRSI Division.** 5) Other details can be seen in the tender documents

(1) Last date and time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: **11.05.2021 up to 16.00.00. (2)** Last Date and Time for receipt of tenders: **12.05.2021 up to 16.00.00. (3)** Date and Time for opening of Technical Bid:**13.05.2021 @ 16.30.00. (4)** Date and Time for opening of Financial Bid: **15.05.2021 @ 16.00.00**

Name of Work: 1) Improvements to Mundgod Anasi road to Hungund, Arishinageri, Kumta hubballi road km 5.50 to 8.40 in Mundgod Taluk U.K District.(Flood)(128449), Estimate Cost Rs. 60.00 Lakhs.(Including GST), Approximate value of work **Rs.52.80 Lakh,** (2) Improvements to Attigeri Pakshidhama road in Mundgod Taluk U.K. District.(Tourism) (119858), Estimate Cost **Rs.100.00 Lakhs**.(Including GST), Approximate value of work **Rs.88.00 Lakh,** Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.) F.D./675/Expenditure-12/2020 Bengaluru dated: 22.12.2020, Tender Processing Fee(Rs) www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in, period of completion **(Including Monsoon): 06 months**

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100 mn-year-old sauropod dinosaur bones in Meghalaya

Researchers believe this could be the first record of sauropods of Titanosaurian origin

ARCHEOLOGY

NEW DELHI: Researchers have identified fossil bone fragments of sauropod dinosaurs dating back to about 100 million years from an area around West Khasi Hills District in Meghalaya. The yet-to-be-published findings were made during a recent field trip by researchers from the Geological Survey of India's Palaeontology division in North-East.

The GSI researchers noted that this is the first record of sauropods of probable Titanosaurian origin discovered in the region. Sauropods had very long necks, long tails, small heads relative to the rest of their body, and four thick, pillar-like legs. They are notable for the enormous sizes attained by some species, and the group includes the largest animals to have ever lived on land.

The finding makes Meghalaya the fifth state in India after Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu and the only state in the North-East to report Sauropod bones having titanosaurian affinity, they said.

Titanosaurs were a diverse group of sauropod dinosaurs, including genera from Africa, Asia, South America, North America, Europe, Australia and Antarctica.

"Dinosaur bones from Meghalaya were reported by GSI in 2001 but they were too fragmentary and ill-preserved to understand its taxonomic identification," said Arindam Roy, Senior Geologist, Palaeontology Division, GSI.

"The present find of bones is during fieldwork in 2019-2020 and 2020-21. The last visit of the team was in February 2021. The fossils are presumably of Late Cretaceous, about 100 million years ago," Roy told PTI.

He noted that the best-preserved fossils are limb bones, adding the type of curvature, development of lateral and proximal margins of the partially preserved bone are indicative of it being a humerus bone.

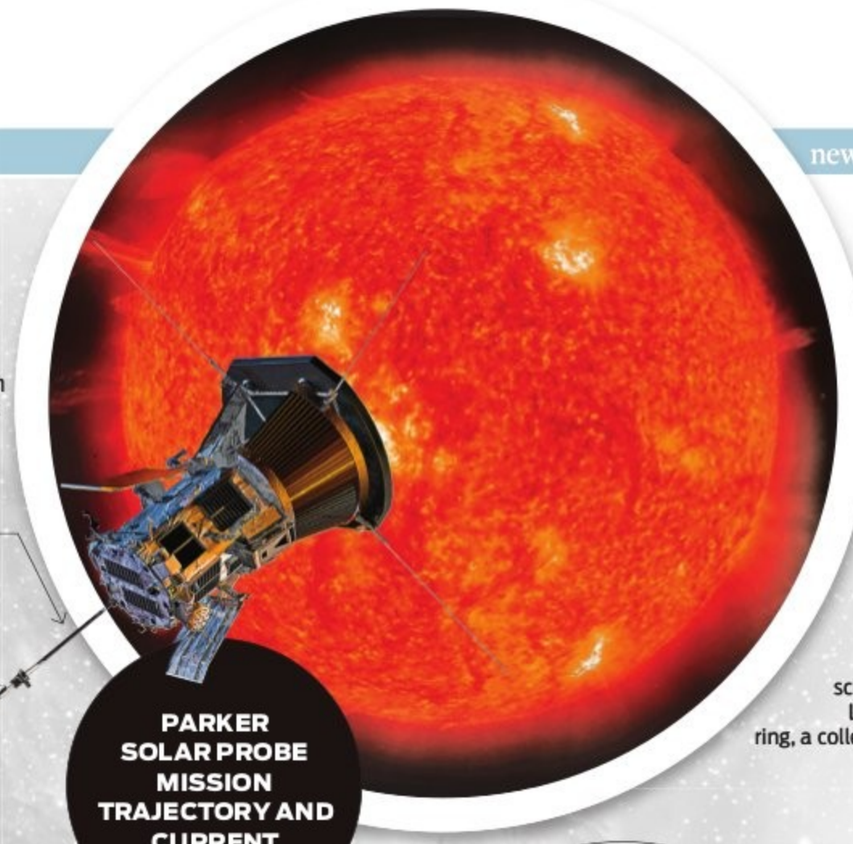
He, however, noted that the conclusions are drawn from preliminary studies and detailed work is going on. The bone fragments were collected from poorly sorted, purplish to greenish very coarse-grained arkosic sandstone interlaid with pebbly beds. More than twenty-five disarticulated, mostly fragmentary bone specimens were recovered, which are of different sizes and occur as isolated specimens but some of them were found in close proximity to each other, the researchers said.

Taxonomic identification up to genus level is difficult due to poorly preserved, incomplete, fragmentary nature of the bones and most of the recovered bones are partially petrified and partially replaced, they said.

EXFILE • SPACE

The fastest spacecraft

The Parker Solar Probe clocked an unfathomable speed of 532000 kmph during its perihilion (closest to the sun) on April 29 using planet Venus as a slingshot. It's the fastest man-made object as of now. Here's a look at the probe and the records it has set...



OBJECTIVE

Flying into the part of the Sun's atmosphere known as the corona for the first time, Parker Solar Probe will revolutionise our understanding of this mysterious region. The spacecraft will employ four instrument suites designed to study electric and magnetic fields, plasma and energetic particles, as well as image the solar wind. The mission will trace how energy moves through the solar corona and explore what accelerates the solar wind and solar energetic particles, enabling critical contributions to our ability to forecast changes in Earth's space environment that impact life and technology on Earth.

200 km/sec
Max speed it is expected to fly after 24 loops around Venus

4.5
Minutes it will take at this speed to cover the entire circumference of Earth

CLOSEST TO THE SUN

This is the first time any spacecraft has ventured so close to the sun. In the process, it also became the fastest spacecraft attaining a speed of **150 kilometres** per second, reported the New Scientist. It is **0.05** per cent of speed of light **(300000km per second)**. It is accelerating its speed using Venus' gravity

6.5 MILLION KILOMETRES
The spacecraft, about the size of a small car, travels directly through the Sun's atmosphere — ultimately to a distance of about 4 million miles from the surface.

FINDINGS
The mission has given scientists the first complete look at Venus' orbital dust ring, a collection of microscopic dust particles that circulates around the Sun along Venus' orbit.

FEB, 2020
The spacecraft was the fastest man-made object when it was closest to the Sun at 18.6 million kilometres away.

EARLIER MISSION
Helios, the probe launched in 1970s to study the sun, was three time slower

40 Minutes it will take to reach the moon

8th The number of pass-bys it had completed

24 The number of pass out it is planned to take until 2025

Heliocentric velocity (km/s): **142.38**
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Applying UV light to common disinfectants can reduce toxicity

MEDICINE

TORONTO: The simple application of UVC light — the type of ultraviolet light that's most effective at killing germs — on common disinfectants used to protect against a wide range of viruses and bacteria, including all strains of Coronavirus, can make it safer for humans as well as the environment, finds a study.

Benzalkonium chloride (BAK) is the most common active ingredient in over 400 common disinfectants currently in use. But, BAK is a severe human skin and eye irritant and is also toxic for the environment, especially to fish, aquatic invertebrates, and birds.

Researchers at the University of Waterloo in Canada discovered that chemical's toxicity could be fully neutralised using ultraviolet light. "Our results show that a disinfecting procedure using BAK followed by UVC radiation can minimise the harmful effect of BAK residues on humans and the environment," said David McCanna of Waterloo's Department of Optometry and Vision Science. "Such a procedure also has a great potential to maximise the disinfection efficacy by utilising two different antimicrobial mechanisms. As the pandemic continues, our findings are especially important as it provides another method to make our hospitals, food, homes, and the environment safer."

After exposing a BAK solution to germicidal ultraviolet-C lamps, the team applied the solution to cultured human corneal cells for five minutes and analysed for cell metabolic activity and viability. The BAK solutions were completely neutralised by UVC as the solutions no longer harmed the cultured human corneal epithelial cells. "With concerns about the spread of Covid-19, people are utilising products with BAK as an active ingredient more than ever," said Manlong Xu, clinical research fellow in the University of Alberta's Ophthalmology department.

"For many industries, there is the demand to improve the efficacy of standard disinfection procedures, keeping in mind any negative impact on the environment," Xu said.

Masks for Covid cut asthma by 65%

HEALTH

JERUSALEM: The widespread use of face masks outdoors during the Covid-19 pandemic has led to 65 per cent reduction in serious asthma cases that required hospitalisation, according to a study.

Face masks also helped decrease the spread of viruses such as the flu in the past year, researchers from Israel's Sheba Medical Centre were quoted as saying by Times of Israel.

By wearing masks, people are also less likely to suffer from seasonal allergies, as face coverings prevent pollen from flowers, trees, and grass coming into contact with the nose and mouth. Israel recently lifted the nationwide mandate on mask-wearing outdoors. However, masks must still be worn in public spaces indoors, and the Health Ministry also recommended they continue to be worn outdoors in large gatherings, the report said.

Wearing masks during the pandemic reduced cases of flu this year and also reportedly affected the first-quarter profit of Swiss drugmakers Novartis and Roche.

LEARNING TO FLYING

Kitesurfers glide across Lake Constance in sometimes stormy winds in Friedrichshafen, Germany on Tuesday | AP

UK adopts 3D scans to speed up diagnosis of heart disease

MEDICINE

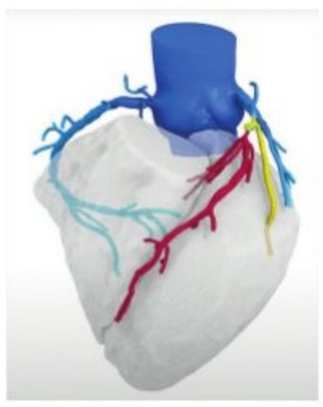
LONDON: Britain's health service announced on Tuesday that it is rolling out revolutionary technology to diagnose and treat around 100,000 patients with suspected heart disease, five times faster than normal.

The National Health Service (NHS) said the technology known as HeartFlow turns a regular CT scan of the heart into a 3D image allowing doctors to diagnose life-threating coronary heart disease in just 20 minutes. Previously patients would have to go into hospital for an invasive and time-consuming angiogram.

"The NHS Long Term Plan committed to cutting strokes, heart attacks and other major killers as well as ensuring patients would benefit from cutting edge therapies and techniques and HeartFlow is just the latest example of that," said NHS medical director Stephen Powis.

"By rapidly improving the rate we diagnose and treat those with a heart condition we will save thousands of lives and ensure as well as delivering the most successful vaccination programme in health service history, the NHS is able to deliver routine services even quicker than before the pandemic,' said Powis.

Under the plan, patients will



now be seen, diagnosed, and treated, around five times quicker, offering more convenient care and helping NHS staff get services back on track after the disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic. It is part of the NHS Long Term Plan goal to reduce the number of heart attacks and strokes by 150,000.

Once patients are diagnosed using the 3D image, treatments include surgery, medication or having a stent fitted. For less serious cases patients will be given tips on healthy lifestyle changes or cholesterol-lowering medication 'meaning the risk is quickly resolved before it becomes life-threatening. Matt Whitty, director of innovation and life sciences for NHS England, said: "This latest innovation will help patients and will contribute to helping the NHS to recover from the pandemic as we continue to deliver on our ambitious Long Term Plan commitments to provide patients across the country with the most up to date tech, as quickly as possible.

"HeartFlow has been a huge success in clinical trials and will now help tens of thousands of people a year receive quick diagnosis and treatment and ultimately save lives."

Around 100,000 people are eligible to use HeartFlow over the next three years, with more than 35,000 people set to benefit each year, according to the NHS. This latest technology has been rolled out across the NHS from last month.

'Climate pledges see world closing on Paris goal'

ENVIRONMENT

Berlin: Recent pledges by the United States and other nations could help cap global warming at 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 Fahrenheit) by the end of the century, but only if goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 'net zero' by 2050 succeed, scientists said Tuesday.

More than 190 countries agreed in Paris six years ago to keep average temperature increases below that level ' ideally no more than 1.5 C (2.7 F) ' by 2100 compared to pre-industrial times.

The Climate Action Tracker, compiled by a group of researchers who translate emission pledges into temperature estimates, projects that the world is currently set to overshoot the Paris accord's target by 0.9 degrees.

But if 131 countries that make up almost three-quarters of global emissions meet their pledged or discussed 'net zero' goal, then the 2-degree target could be met, said Niklas Hoehne of the New Climate Institute. That's 0.1 C cooler than the previous optimistic forecast the group made in December.

Hoehne said U.S. President Joe Biden's recent ambitious new climate goals had contributed significantly to the revised estimate, along with the European Union, China, Japan and Britain. But the pledges still fall short and have to be further revised going forward, he said. "We have to halve global emissions in the next 10 years," he said. Asked whether more ambitious goal of 1.5 C is within reach, Hoehne said it was technically and politically feasible. Germany has invited about 40 countries to a virtual meeting to discuss further international efforts to curb global warming, ahead of a UN summit in November.

MEDICALLY FIT

Healing touch: Refugee doctor chronicles Tigray's pain as he treats it

CHANGEMAKER

HAMDAYET: He is a surgeon and a father. Every morning, he wakes up under a plastic tarp and is reminded he's now a refugee, too. Tewodros Tefera is one of more than 60,000 people who have fled ethnic violence in Ethiopia's northern Tigray region, crossing the border into a remote corner of Sudan.

Horrified by what he saw when the fighting between Ethiopian and Tigray forces began six months ago, and by the tales of new arrivals, the 44-year-old chronicles the pain even as he treats it. "It's getting worse," he says of life back home.

Ethiopia says it is "deeply dismayed" by the deaths of civilians, blames the now-fugitive Tigray leaders and claims normality is returning. But Tewodros' patients tell him that killings, gang rapes and mass expulsions of ethnic Tigrayans continue as some 6 million civilians are targeted for their leaders' political past.

For Tewodros, it has not been a comfortable transformation from cool, detached doctor at one of Tigray's largest hospitals to driven spokesman for his people. He used to write down reflections so emotional on the war and his new life that he later burned them.

"Ethiopia is dead to me," he says, then corrects himself: "Ethiopia is dying."

His wife and small children remain there, and he doesn't know when he'll see them again. They don't know how raw his experience has been, and he hesitates to tell them. Once well-off, he arrived in Sudan with only the clothes he wore — jogging pants and a polo shirt — and his wedding ring. He slept in the market his first few days in Sudan before

introducing himself as a doctor and being welcomed. The stresses have shaped him. He has lost weight, 12kg, in the past five months, enough to worry his mother still inside Tigray. At times he closes his eyes and knocks a fist against his forehead, trying to drive back anxiety. Tewodros now fills a growing number of notebooks as he compiles a "dossier" on Tigray conflict. Sometimes he dreams of taking it to the International Criminal Court in a quest for justice.

He works from dawn to well beyond dusk at a clinic run by the Sudanese Red Crescent Society in the border community of Hamdayet. With no running water or electricity, he and a handful of colleagues see well over 100 patients a day. Tewodros has delivered babies and treated gunshot wounds, despite a shortage of anesthesia.

"He feels it as if he has the same pain," one patient, Rahwa Haylay, says, her jaw still bandaged from an operation.

Between patients, Tewodros is pulled aside by fellow refugees who seek his help with community matters, hushed confidences, legal questions. He is picking up Arabic phrases to improve his treatment of locals. His exhaustion is kept at bay with cigarettes and coffee.

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DAY'S DIARY

Perfume released

On this day in 1921, Coco Chanel debuted the first modern perfume, Chanel No. 5. It solidified the Chanel brand as a lifestyle

ICONIC FRAGRANCE

Before introducing the world to her now-iconic fragrance, Chanel had already created a fashion empire. Her fragrance is said to have further liberated the modern woman

THE NAME

The perfume got its name from the series of scents that perfumer Ernest Beaux created. She chose the fifth, a combination of jasmine and several other floral scents that was more complex and mysterious

PACKAGING

Chanel was the first major fashion designer to introduce a perfume and that she replaced the typical perfume packaging with a simple and sleek bottle also added to the scent's success

Murphy will ride high on love, emotions

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RACING TO TRACE RESOURCES

Sandalwood actor Samyukta Hornad speaks to *CE* about the sense of helplessness she feels as she tries to help people find beds and oxygen

SIMRAN AHUJA

Samyukta Hornad has always used her Instagram and Twitter platforms to promote social causes. Case in point: The many posts related to animal rights that the Sandalwood actor is passionate about. So when the second wave of COVID-19 started wreaking havoc in India, it came as no surprise that Hornad became actively involved in using her online presence to pitch in.

"There's a lot of information available online but people lose time chasing resources that are no longer available. So, I put up only verified leads," says Hornad, who along with her friend Saqib Idrees and a team are trying their best to help hospitals acquire oxygen cylinders.

The actor, known for her roles in films such as *Lifeu Ishtene, Barfi* and *Arishadvarga*, is also a part of at least 15 different WhatsApp groups, which are buzzing with requests from people in need. Since the lockdown, she has put everything on hold to help. "It's sad because we have taken on the government's responsibility. Even while eating or sleeping I feel like I could use that time to help someone else instead," she says. A feeling of helplessness has become a constant for her these days.

In her race to secure beds for patients, Hornad has also learned some hard lessons. "I was more emotional some days back. I realised that that prevents you from helping. It's reached a stage where I can't even be happy if someone gets a bed. Because that means someone else just lost out on one," she says, as she recalls instances of people succumbing to Covid-19 en route to a hospital.

Despite the toll the pandemic is taking on her, Hornad has no plans of stopping her efforts. In fact, she now wants to expand them to reach those sections of society that have no access to social media. "I'm collaborating with people for an app that could provide transportation to those residing in slums, so that they can get medical intervention on time," she says. Her current message to people? To stay away from toxic positivity. "Stop asking people to take it easy or telling them it is going to be alright. We need everyone to see the reality of the situation because there's going to be a third wave soon. Things need to be taken seriously."

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Extending help

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ALL HANDS ON DECK

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**

Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Thursday.

QUESTIONS

1. In 1930, an eight-year-old girl named Byramma set a world record by swimming nonstop for 18 hours across a historic lake in Bengaluru. Name the lake.
2. MTV Acharya was a well known painter and illustrator who founded Acharya Chitrakala Bhavan, an art school in Bengaluru. He illustrated many covers for a popular children's magazine from late 1940s to 1960s. Name the magazine.
3. Gubbi Veeranna, one of the pioneers of Kannada theatre, was conferred the title 'Nataka Ratna' (Precious Jewel of Drama) for his role in promoting Kannada theatre and was awarded the Padma Shri in 1972. The BBMP has built a theatre in a prominent central locality in the city in memory of the doyen and named it 'Gubbi Veeranna Rangamandira'. Where is the theatre located?

ANOTHER SIDE TO THE STORY

Content creators who are facing a backlash for posting fun content during this grim hour, say it's unfair to target them as they're only doing their job

MONIKA MONALISA

Just the day before the lockdown, fashion blogger Deena Pinto was invited for a staycation. The next day, when she posted content of her being next to a pool in the hotel on her Instagram, her DM started to get flooded with messages saying she was being insensitive and acting irresponsibly.

But Pinto says posting content of her staycation and other things is what she does for living. "People are forgetting that this is a full-time job for us. We are just trying to create as much content as possible to keep the ball rolling. Though we are still creating content, there are so many campaigns and pay cheques that are on hold," says Pinto, whose Instagram profile @skinnygirldiariez has close to six lakh followers.

Pinto, a full-time blogger for the past five years, says she does understand the seriousness of the situation, due to which she tries to create some Covid awareness videos too. "During the lockdown I posted content about wearing masks and getting vaccinated. As influencers we should be cut some slack for putting up fun content, because our followers want to see it," she says.

Lifestyle blogger Rida Tharana agrees that posting things about just serious issues does affect their viewership. "Usually, my viewership on an Instagram story ranges from 30,000-40,000, but when I put up serious posts, it comes down to 6,000-7,000 views," she says.

In her opinion, there are two types of followers. "What I am trying to get at, is that content creators usually have two set of followers: those who want to see serious content, and those who are always on the lookout for light-hearted content. We will try to bring that balance but will always get picked for the lighter content," she says.

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Rida Tharana, blogger

Deena Pinto

The 22-year-old content creator, who has close to three million followers, says the trolls take a toll on their mental health. "There are so many people who reach out me to amplify any requirement but if I am not able to arrange something, I get sarcastic and mean replies about the patient being no more," says Tharana, who recently called out a group of people for criticising her for posting fun content during the month of Ramzan.

However, influencers do understand why people are reacting this way about the situation. Aswathi Balakrishnan, with seven lakh followers on Instagram, says the ideal way to go about this is to find a balance. "There are many who look forward to Instagram content for entertainment. Rather than blaming us, people need to understand that like any other industry even our industry took a bad hit last year due to Covid, because of cancellation of campaigns," says Balakrishnan, adding that bloggers are just trying to do their work.

Aswathi Balakrishnan

CITY READ

Free courses for kids of frontline workers

Bengaluru-based ed-tech startup Bambinos.live announced the 'Fight Against Covid' campaign, which will provide live extracurricular courses to the children of frontline workers across India free of cost. The campaign will keep the children of frontline workers engaged in fun learning activities for a month. Over 40 recreational courses such as dance, fitness, and personality development will be available. Check bambinos.live website for details.

In this together

Fans of Nikhil Gowda were concerned when he tested positive. Gowda left a message for his fans on his Insta saying, "... it's a rough patch we all are going through and we need to through and we need to stand by each other in this crisis, we shall pass this soon...".

TRUNK CALL

The man who planted Bengaluru's trees

A tribute to SG Neginhal, who recently died of COVID-19, and to whom the Garden City owes a green debt

SANATH PRASAD

One of the most remarkable things about Bengaluru are its trees – sprawling canopies through which the blue sky is visible, leaves rustling in the breeze, and colours of blooms that change with the season. Ever wonder who planted them?

It was Seturam Gopalrao Neginhal, who retired from the Karnataka forest department after 36 years of service. He died of COVID-19 in a hospital in Bengaluru on Sunday, and is survived by his wife, a son and four daughters, and the green legacy he left for the city's residents.

Yellappa Reddy, who served as secretary to the department of ecology and environment in 1972, recalls that the D Devaraj Urs-government laid the foundation of greening Bengaluru in 1980. It was Neginhal who headed the Urban Green Project. While Bengaluru already had Cubbon Park and Lalbagh due to the British, the streets were bare in the 1960s, recounts Harini Nagendra in her book *Nature in the City: Bengaluru in the Past, Present and Future*. In the chapter on street trees, she recounts Bengaluru's fascinating ecological history and has particular praise for Neginhal who planted over 1.5 million saplings of 150 different species across the city, including raintrees, aakash mallige, tabebuia, bougainvillea, mango, avocado, and jamun.

"He planted both native and foreign varieties. A lot of raintrees were planted across JP Nagar and the Nanda Talkies Road, while Koramangala's 80 Feet Road had a lot of aakash mallige trees. He also sent me a message that he had planted all those trees," Nagendra tells *CE*.

Nagendra, professor of sustainability at Azim Premji University, said that Neginhal involved the city's residents in planting trees in their neighbourhoods. "Neginhal used to take inputs from the residents of Bengaluru about the fruiting trees that they wanted to plant in their localities. Mango and avocado were some of the sought-after trees and people volunteered to nurture the trees themselves," she says.

Neginhal painstakingly ensured that the young plants grew into healthy, beautiful trees, by ensuring that tree guards were built around the saplings so that cows did not eat them up. Nagendra adds.

Reddy says that urban forestry needed to consider space constraints, transmission cables, underground drainage system, etc. "Although I had not worked with Neginhal, his contribution towards Bengaluru's green cover is commendable. I believe he had first-hand knowledge on the field and mustered the strength of his subordinates to execute the work with great commitment," says Reddy.

Reddy estimates that sadly, just about 30% of the trees that Neginhal planted survived the onslaught of urbanisation that gobbled up much of Bengaluru's green cover.

Leo Saldanha, a Bengalurean who works at Environment Support Group, says, "When I used to cycle during the 90's, the roads were covered with a beautiful canopy on both sides. Neginhal was just the right person in the department who called for people's participation in maintaining ecological integrity in the city."

SG Neginhal planted over 1.5 million saplings of 150 different species

Leo Saldanha

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THE TREES HE PLANTED

Raintree: Its quarter acre canopy is a great shield from the sun

Jamun: Sustains different species of butterflies

Neem: Natural air purifier

Tabebuia: Ornamental tree with pink, purple and yellow blooms that make you fall in love with Bengaluru

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL

Orvi, a home decor brand is offering a wide range of home enhancement and kitchenware options on Mother's Day. The decor items are mostly natural and handcrafted and include products like cake stands, handcrafted platters, side tables, and more. **Details:** Orvi website

IFTAR FEAST

Enjoy a line up of Ramadan feast by Dindigul Thalappakatti. The Iftar meals includes chicken/mutton biryani, haleem, pack of dry fruits and parathas. To place orders Whatsapp 91500 07909. **Also available on** Swiggy and Zomato.

STAND-UP COMEDY

Get ready to enjoy Vipul Goyal's online comedy show as he promises to engage you for 60 minutes with his jokes. The tickets are priced at ₹599, onwards. **When:** May 9, 5:30 pm

FITNESS SESSIONS

Fitness coach Meghana Rabindranath is conducting a month - long online fitness session for shaping a perfect body. The session focuses on building a stable fitness mindset and lasting habits to attain a dream body. The duration of the session is one hour 30 minutes. **When:** Till May 31, **Details:** bookmyshow

GIFT YOUR MOTHER A SIGNATURE BOX OF VEG AND NON-VEG FOOD COMBO FROM OAKWOOD PREMIUM PRESTIGE ON MOTHER'S DAY. **DETAILS:** 9611195671

Self-Defense Classes

Introduce your children to martial arts classes like karate, kungfu and taekwondo. The class will contain eight sessions moderated by martial arts experts. Some of the training lessons include basic warmup and self-defence moves, introduction to taekwondo, punches, blocks and more. **When:** May 5 onwards **Details:** bookmyshow

Story-telling Workshop

Learn the art of storytelling with artiste Jay Kumar Hariharan. The month-long online session will help you understand the importance of storytelling frameworks, power narratives, apprehensions around storytelling, tips for effective storytelling, and more. **When:** Ongoing Details: bookmyshow

Poetry Event

The Mental Talkies present Spoke Words Boulevard- a poetry and storytelling event. The online event will feature artistes like Shubham Negi, Dhruv Sharma, Utkarsh, Amandeep Singh, who will be presenting inspiring, emotional and creative stories and poems. **When:** May 16, **Details:** bookmyshow

Sketching Workshop

Enroll your children for classes that will train them in basics of pencil sketching, pencil shading, blending textures, controlling edges, and more. The online classes focus on teaching children to get a grip of creating their own art through sketching. **When:** May 6 onwards, **Details:** bookmyshow

Music Concert

Enjoy an evening of classical fusion with the Teen Prahar concert, which will present various ragas. The musical evening will feature artistes like Anindo Chatterjee, Giridhar Udupa, and Ustad Shujaat Khan among others. **When:** May 8, 6pm **Where:** Online, tickets on bookmyshow

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

HOMEMADE MANGO ICE-CREAM

INGREDIENTS

- **Mangoes:** 4
- **Sweetened condensed milk/Milkmaid:** 150 ml
- **Amul fresh cream:** 100 ml

METHOD

- Blend the mangoes (chopped) into a puree.
- Add fresh cream and condensed milk and blend again.
- Freeze overnight.
- Top with fresh cut mango, dry fruits, etc.

— Naira Bose, Bengaluru

SOUND BOARD

WHERE'S MY GLOW

Hosted by new mamma RJ Ruchi, the podcast is about personal experiences and learnings which in turn will make this unpredictable unknown journey of thousands of expecting mothers easier.
- On Gaana

CAREFREE PARENTING

Create a happy, nurturing relationship with your children without anxiety, stress or guilt. Carefree Parenting is for you if you are a parent, have a parent or want to be a parent. Helping you be the kind of parent you've always wanted to be.
- On Gaana

CHIMING WITH SUPER MOM BLOGGERS

Chimes Radio presents Chiming with Super Mom Bloggers, where RJ Manika talks to those Indian supermoms who embraced blogging after starting their motherhood journeys and took their passion for the written word to another level.
- On Gaana

SINDHANAI SEI MANAME PODCAST

A show full of positivity, SSM discusses various topics of life science, mental health and even more. Apart from that, the show motivates women on parenting and maintaining their mental health too in various episodes.
- On Gaana

ENNODOPPOM MALAYALAM PODCAST

Ennodoppom is a show produced narrated by a mother of a one, where the narrator discusses beautiful moments of her parantenting and her child's beautiful moments to the listeners.
- On Gaana

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

FIRST RANK RAJU

Raju, a bookish young man, fails a job interview owing to his lack of practical knowledge and contemplates suicide. So his parents decide to make him more pragmatic and ready to face the real world.
- Cast: Gurunandan, Apoorva Gowda

DIA

Dia takes three years to confess her feelings to Rohith but after a terrible accident, she is told he does not survive. Later, when she starts seeing Adi, she finds out that Rohith is still alive.
- Cast: Kushi, Pruthvi Ambaar

RANNA

Sharat assures his ageing grandfather that he will reunite him with his estranged daughter. To fulfil his promise, he goes to work for the woman's family as a driver.
- Cast: Sudeep, Rachita Ram

SANGLIYANA

An upright police officer is determined to wipe out corruption in the society. Putting his life at risk, he has to fend off several obstacles that come his way.
Cast: Shankar Nag, Devraj,

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 3 WAYS COMPANIES CAN SUPPORT GRIEVING EMPLOYEES BY TILAK MANDADI

Sharing his own story of unimaginable heartbreak, Tilak Mandadi offers three ways organisations can cultivate a culture of workplace empathy, creating an environment that encourages community, productivity and joy.

2 HOW THE MYSTERIOUS DARK NET IS GOING MAINSTREAM BY JAMIE BARTLETT

There's a parallel Internet you may not have run across yet — accessed by a special browser and home to a freewheeling collection of sites for everything from anonymous activism to illicit activities. Jamie Bartlett reports from the dark net.

3 THE ELECTRICAL BLUEPRINTS THAT ORCHESTRATE LIFE BY MICHAEL LEVIN

Sharing unforgettable footage of two-headed worms, biologist Michael Levin introduces us to xenobots — the world's first living robots, created in his lab — and discusses what this discovery may mean for the future of medicine, the environment and life itself.

4 THE SEEDS OF CHANGE HELPING AFRICA FARMERS GROW OUT OF POVERTY BY ANDREW YOUN

Farmers stand at the center of the world, says Andrew Youn, cofounder of One Acre Fund that empowers sub-Saharan farm families with loans, seeds, fertilizer and training to increase crop yields and end hunger.

5 LANGUAGE AROUND GENDER AND IDENTITY EVOLVES (AND ALWAYS HAS) BY ARCHIE CROWLEY

Dictionaries and grammar "rules" don't have the final word on language — and believing they do can harm more than help, especially for the trans community. Sociolinguist Archie Crowley deconstructs three common myths around language, demonstrating how it's a fluid system that naturally evolves in the direction of inclusion.

FIT BIT

ABHAYA MUDRA

(GESTURE OF FEARLESSNESS)

In Sanskrit, 'abhaya' means fearlessness and 'mudra' means hand gesture. It is a sacred hand gesture used during yoga and meditation practice as a means of channelling the flow of vital life force energy known as prana. It is symbolic of safety, protection, peace and reassurance. This ancient gesture is thought to be the first mudra the Buddha used after reaching enlightenment and is depicted on a number of Hindu, Buddhist, Jain and Sikh images. It is also associated with preaching, and could be interpreted as symbolic of openness towards a congregation. This mudra provides a sense of internal protection.

STEPS

- Sit in any comfortable seating posture — like Padmasana, Siddhasana, Swastikasana, Vajrasana — and place your hands on your thighs or knees with palm facing upwards.
- Close your eyes and take some deep breaths with the awareness of the breathing process.
- This mudra is performed with your right hand.
- Raise your hand to shoulder height.
- Make sure that your palm is upwards and fingers straight.
- Removing all thoughts from the mind, focus the mind only on Om.
- You can practise with both hands simultaneously.
- Don't decrease or increase the speed of breath.
- Perform this for 35 minutes at a stretch every day or for 10 to 12 minutes thrice a day.
- You can practise it by standing in Tadasana, or sitting on a chair.

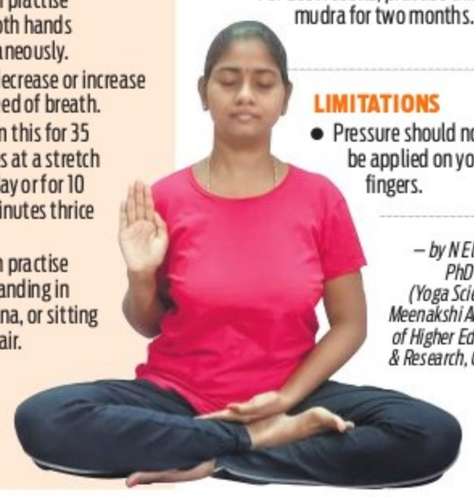
BENEFITS

- Fills us with courage.
- Also helps to calm the mind.
- Relaxes the body and brain.
- Settles all the emotions caused by fear such as irritability, anxiety, anger, etc.
- Soothes nervous system.
- After practice, the sensations of spiritual strength begin to rise.
- Makes you stronger from inside.
- Removes fear and creates a sense of security.
- Brings peace of mind, assurance, and benevolence.
- Practitioner feels powerful and peaceful.
- Creates a sense of awareness as well as the awakening of philanthropy.
- Every mudra is very effective when you do it between 4 am and 6 am.
- For best results, practise this mudra for two months.

LIMITATIONS

- Pressure should not be applied on your fingers.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai



NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

SULTHAN (Tamil)

Despite being raised by hardened criminals, Vikram, aka, Sulthan, hates violence and decides to change them into law-abiding citizens. But will they agree?

Cast: Karthi, Rashmika Mandanna, Yogi Babu

- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

THE LAST COLOR (Hindi)

A young tight-rope walker and a widow named Noor yearn to play with colours during Holi, but Noor and the other widows are held back by tradition.

Cast: Aqsa Siddiqui, Neena Gupta, Rudrani Chhetri

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

VAKEEL SAAB (Telugu)

Vakeel Saab revolves around a criminal lawyer who helps three young women to fight a molestation case against a rich brat.

Cast: Nivetha Thomas, Pawan Kalyan, Anjali, Prakash Raj, Shruti Haasan

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

YUVARATHNAA (Kannada)

A reputed college that is now on the verge of closing due to the privatisation of the education system and political reasons. The college principal fights against privatisation and the protagonist supports his vision.

Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Sayyeshaa Saigal, Sonu Gowda

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

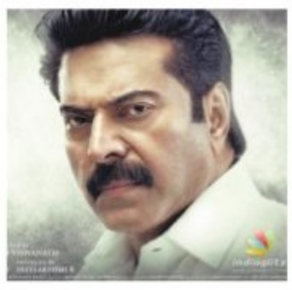
THACKERAY (Hindi)

Balasaheb Thackeray, a cartoonist with a no-nonsense personality, plays a key role in the birth of the Shiv Sena and goes on to become the most influential political leader in Maharashtra.

Cast: Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Amrita Rao, Prakash Belavadi

- Watch on: Netflix

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.



ONE (Malayalam)

The chief minister of Kerala takes a stand against rampant political corruption while facing his own body's betrayal.

Cast: Mammootty, Gayathri Arun, Nimisha Sajayan, Matthew Thomas

- Watch on: Netflix

ROBERRT (Kannada)

Raghava lives in Lucknow with his son Arjun and is the head cook in a Brahmin's catering unit. He leads a peaceful existence, wanting the best for his son. All seems to go well, until some skeletons come tumbling out of his closet and he is forced to take on his original avatar.

Cast: Darshan, Asha Bhatt

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

ENGLISH

NOMADLAND

A woman in her sixties, who, after losing everything in the Great Recession, embarks on a journey through the American West, living as a van-dwelling modern-day nomad.

Cast: Frances McDormand, Charlene Swankie, David Strathairn, Linda May

- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

THE EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY OF THE FAKIR

Ajatashatru, a fakir, swindles people for a living and manages to fly to Paris in search of his father. However, his life turns upside down when he falls in love with Marie.

Cast: Dhanush, Erin Moriarty, Barkhad Abdi, Ken Scott

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

TOM CLANCY'S WITHOUT REMORSE

Seeking justice for the murder of his pregnant wife, an elite Navy SEAL uncovers a covert plot that threatens to engulf the United States and Russia in an all-out war.

Cast: Michael B Jordan, Lauren London, Jodie Turner-Smith, Jacob Scipio

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

THE HANDMAID'S TALE (Series)

This series is set in Gilead, a totalitarian society in what used to be part of the United States. Gilead is ruled by a fundamentalist regime that treats women as property of the state, and is faced with environmental disasters and a plummeting birth rate. In a desperate attempt to repopulate the world, the few remaining fertile women are forced into sexual servitude.

Cast: Elisabeth Moss, Yvonne Strahovski, Ann Dowd

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

SUBSCRIPTION

Prime Video: ₹ 129 per month
Disney+Hotstar: ₹ 399 per year
Netflix: ₹ 199 per month

BOOK SHELF

THE DIABETIC COOKBOOK

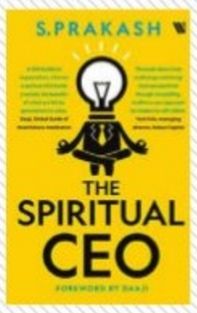
Author: Michael Swamy
No of pages: 180

The steady increase in 'lifestyle diseases' has among other things, meant that diabetes has become a health crisis. So, if you've recently been diagnosed with diabetes, understanding what is safe to eat can be tricky. However, taking steps to control the disease doesn't mean depriving yourself of tasty food, instead it means eating a balanced and healthy diet. In this diabetic cookbook, Michael Swamy introduces readers to curated recipes for anyone cooking for diabetes. Profiles of familiar dishes like lentils and khichdis can be altered by using easily available superfoods and super ingredients - without affecting their taste and experiential quotient and yet at the same time help in lowering blood sugar levels. Alongside the over 70 recipes divided into soups, salads, starters, breads, beverages and desserts, the book also includes ways to increase your protein intake with fewer meats on your plate.

AMADER SHANTINIKETAN

Author: Shivani
No of pages: 184

Amader Shantiniketan by Shivani (translated into English by Ira Pande) is a loving homage to an institution and its gurus. Written from the perspective of a child and young girl, it retains the freshness and innocence of an age when experimental education was not merely a trendy movement. Shivani's vivid pictures of the ashram and portraits of her teachers and fellow students remain as alive as they seemed when she first wrote this memoir nearly fifty years ago. Along with the moving tributes she wrote when some of her beloved contemporaries passed away, this slim memoir is a sort of diptych that captures the spirit of the ashram and the liveliness of its inmates, many of whom went on to become iconic Indians. Shivani's recall of her time there takes the reader into an enchanted garden that remains as inspirational to her as it was when she went there all the way from Kumaon a lifetime ago.



THE SPIRITUAL CEO

Author: S Prakash
No of pages: 157

A roadmap on how to build a better business, live a better life and make a bigger impact, this book uses the simple practice of Korporate Karma. Distilling the ancient wisdom of the Gita and learnings from the Vedas and other spiritual texts, the author explains how centring the spiritual being clears the path to greater success in both businesses and personal lives. The book is an interesting read and has answers to several questions raised by several board members and 'C' suite leaders. It provides a simple template for a CEO to look into a 'mirror' and introspect where they stand and how they can metamorphosis to leave a lasting positive legacy, in the process of becoming a 'spiritual CEO'.

THEEYOOR CHRONICLES

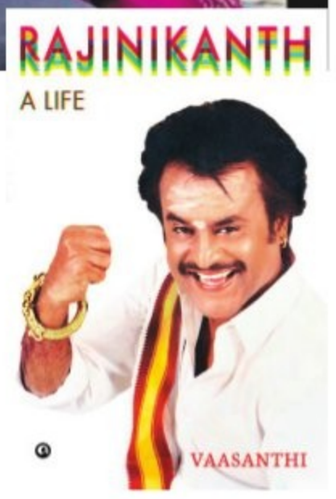
Author: N. Prabhakaran
Pages: 300

The book has been translated from Malayalam by Jayasree Kalathil. In it, a journalist goes to Theeyoor - 'the land of fire' - to investigate the strangely large number of suicides and disappearances there. Even after he finished the assignment, the place stays in his consciousness. And so, he decides to write its history, telling it through various documents: his own notes, the anecdotes told to him while researching the suicides, Wardha Gopalan's book The History of Theeyoor, information provided by a local newspaper agent, personal papers of individuals, as well as some 'incidents' that the journalist himself imagines.

TURNING PAGES

Vaasanthi

'BEING A SUPERSTAR IS NO FUN'



The history of oppression of the Dravidian race, the sense of subjugation, a feeling of second-class citizenship, the complexes about being dark-skinned, of not really being part of the national mainstream, and a clear whiff of political and cultural marginalization at that point in time were all encapsulated in the character of Rajinikanth and his film persona.' Rajini managed to flip this and make this marginalized character the hero.

Superstar Rajinikanth is not worried about what the critics say about his acting skills or the explanations about his stupendous mass appeal. His adoring fans turn up outside his gates early in the morning just to have a glimpse of him, exchange a smile or a hand shake. They look at him with love and admiration even when they see him without make-up, balding, grey bearded and looking a little unkempt. He has never cared to hide how he looks without the make-up. He wants his fans to understand that what they see on the screen is not the real Rajini. It doesn't dim their admiration. At times, Rajini must feel like a puppet, caught in the magnitude of this admiration. And while acting has been a passion and has brought him success beyond his dreams, that personality feels like a mirage to him. Time and again, he feels the need to get away from it all-and take refuge in the silent mountains. But equally, it appears, something drags him back. Probably a duty to the people who place so much faith in him.

In the world outside, beyond the lanes of Poes Garden where his house is, his fans have gathered in the thousands to celebrate the new release of his film. It is not just the films, new releases that they were waiting for. They have been waiting for his announcement that they thought would put an end to all their miseries. They call him 'Thalaivar'-leader. He had to just say, yes, I accept the leadership. They would make sure that he won and place him on the chief minister's chair. Didn't they realize the audacity it takes to make that announcement in a state that saw the revolutionary atheist Dravidian Self-Respect Movement that was accompanied by chants of 'Thamizh engkal moochu' (Tamil is our breath)? How can he, a Marathi-speaking Kannadiga from Karnataka, even dare to tread on such ground? How did they expect him to be so impudent as to think he could rule the state that gave him shelter and food when he had come with nothing?

Being a superstar is no fun. It bewilders Rajini and frightens him, in fact. He is not able to handle the halo that he has been endowed with; it has overwhelmed him. Once, all he wanted was to play a role, a small role, on the silver screen. Never did he imagine that the screen would consume his being. There are days when he wonders who he is after the make-up comes off. The question is haunting because he cannot forget the past-that of Shivaji Rao Gaekwad who came to Madras from Bangalore, almost like a beggar, in search of a better future. Tried his luck in films. Slept on footpaths and benches, went hungry for days, borrowed clothes from his friends. The doubt nagged him constantly-what did the future have in store for an outsider, dark and uncouth, in an industry that spoke a different language.

He ended up becoming Superstar Rajinikanth. How did that happen? He does not know. And perhaps he should have stopped with that. His passion was acting, cinema. The roles he played and the dialogues he mouthed-they were not his creations. If he appeared convincing, it was due to his acting skill, nothing more. So why did his fans conclude that he could descend from the silver screen and take hold of the reins of a state of 8 crore people, all because of his on-screen popularity and the adulation of his fan club? And didn't he also delude himself of such a possibility for a while?

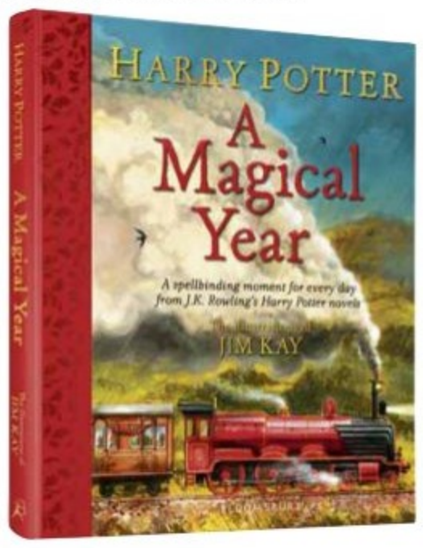
'He is our God,' asserted his fans. 'He will lead us to a better future because he is a good man.'

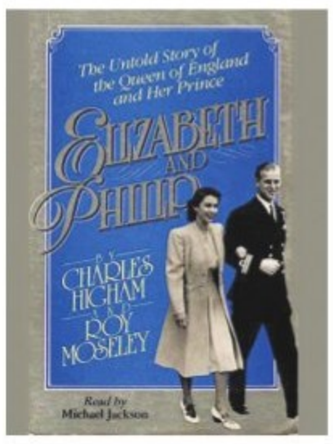
(Extracted from Rajinikanth: A Life by Vaasanthi, with permission from Aleph Book Company)

NUGGETS

BOOK WITH ARTWORK ON HARRY POTTER TO BE OUT IN OCTOBER

Bloomsbury has announced *Harry Potter - A Magical Year: The Illustrations of Jim Kay*, which is a new gift book celebratisng Jim Kay's artwork on the *Harry Potter* series so far, with a moment for every day of the year. Jim Kay's illustrations are paired with popular quotations from J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* novels and each day features a favourite anniversary or meaningful memory from the novels.



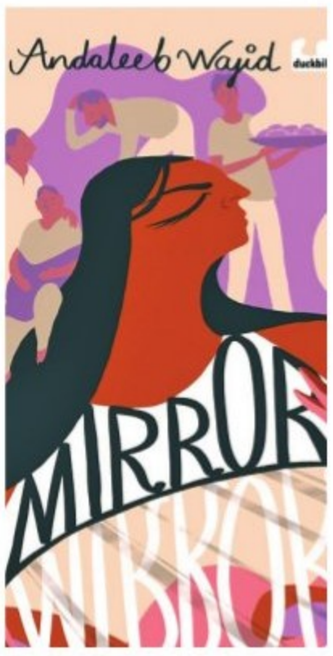


AUDIO STORIES ON THE ROYAL FAMILY

If you are a fan of the British royal family, check out Audible's collection of audio stories on them. Titles include *The Wicked Wit of Prince Philip, Young Prince Philip: His Turbulent Early Life, Elizabeth II: Life of a Monarch* and *Elizabeth and Philip: The Untold Story of the Queen of England and Her Prince*. Using a mix of biographies and other genres, these books present do a deep dive into the lives of the various figures of the royal family.

CITY-BASED AUTHOR TO PUBLISH NEW BOOK THIS MONTH

Bengaluru-based Andaleeb Wajid is the author of books like *Asmara's Summer, My Brother's Wedding* and *No Time for Goodbyes*. She is publishing a new book, which is a coming-of-age story. The novel is for young adults is a funny story about a young girl's journey to acceptance and self-love. The book will be out on May 17 and is being published by Penguin Random House.



Zooming in on photojournalism

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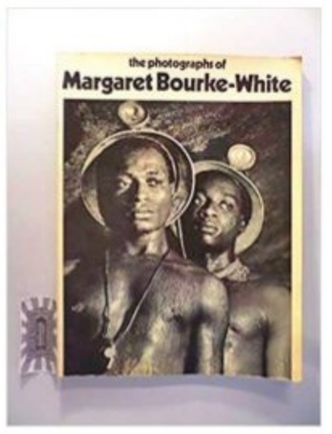

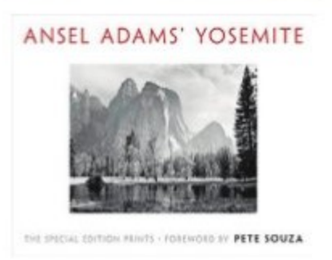

THE Frenchman Henri Cartier-Bresson is regarded as the founding father of photojournalism. Cartier-Bresson, co-founder of Magnum, one of the world's most influential photo-agencies, started his affair with photography with a simple Box Brownie camera. He insisted on only using the available light, and on editing "in the camera" rather than in the darkroom. He covered events such as the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, whom he met just 90 minutes before he was shot, in 1948. His *The Decisive Moment* is a classic, which has influenced generations of photographers. Published in 1952, this collection of his best work from his early years had a collage cover by Henri Matisse. The first and only reprint is a meticulous facsimile of the original book with an additional booklet on the history of The Decisive Moment by Centre Pompidou curator Clément Chéroux.

Another legendary photojournalist who captured images of Gandhi a few hours before his assassination was Margaret Bourke-White, who had worked as staff photographer for Fortune and Life magazines. Her photo of the Mahatma at his spinning wheel is iconic. The *Photographs of Margaret Bourke-White edit*ed by Sean Callahan is a collection of one of America's great photographers.

Raghu Rai, a protégé of Cartier-Bresson, is probably India's most well-known photojournalist, having worked in leading Indian publications and served as the jury for World Press photos. He has produced more than 35 photobooks including Rom*ance of India, Taj Mahal and Mahakumbh*. Many consider Stefan Lorant (co-founder of British picture magazine Picture Post) as the godfather of photojournalism. Lorant's pictorial histories of the American Presidents include Linc*oln: His Life in Photographs*, a forerunner in the genre of pictorial biography, and FDR: *A Pictorial Biography*. His other works include The New World and the photographic book Pitts*burgh: The Story of an American City*.

One of my favourites is New York Times fashion photographer Bill Cunningham, known for his candid and street photography. Bill led a modest life, bicycling his way through Manhattan and living in a tiny apartment in the Carnegie Hall building. His life is captured in the documentary *Bill Cunningham New York*. His memoir *Fashion Climbing* is the untold story of his education in creativity and style. Ansel Adams is an environmentalist and one of America's most famous landscape photographers. He advocated for "pure" photography which favoured sharp focus and the use of the full tonal range of a photograph. His photos of Yosemite National Park are best captured in Ansel A*dams' Yosemite*.

My friend Vicky Roy taught me that photography, particularly street photography, captures the essence. He is on a mission to capture the stories of people with disabilities across every Indian state for the campaign 'Everyone is Good at Something'. Vicky sold his first photo for five rupees! His book *Home Street Home* captures his journey from his home to living in the streets and then to finding his home again.

The smartphone camera has democratised photography but can technology turn a mediocre photographer into a great one? Already it is becoming hard to distinguish between a photograph and an AI-generated image. That is why photojournalism is more relevant than ever.

(The author is a technologist based in Silicon Valley who is gently mad about books)

To be a politician's fan

URBAN BOURBON
Hriday Ranjan
Writer, comedian

Over the last three decades, I have watched as our nation went through rapid changes – from a socialist state to a capitalist greenhorn. I have witnessed various waves and trends – but the most absurd trend is of citizens becoming 'fans' of politicians. Allow me to explain why this trend is not only ludicrous, but also extremely dangerous.

Politicians are not rockstars, or thinkers, or spiritual leaders (even if they don holy robes, or grow out their beards!). They have been elected as part of a social contract in democratic governance. As citizens, we are supposed to be watching their every move; we are supposed to be critics – not fanboys.

I have been a fan of a lot of people in my life. When Debashis Mohanty broke into the Indian cricket team, I rooted for him. When Shaktimaan first appeared on TV to bash interstellar un-sanskari demons, I was a fan. I was a fan of Suppandi in Tinkle comics. But politicians have strictly defined jobs – they are not in the entertainment business.

I have been a fan of actors - -I was such a fan of Irrfan Khan that I paid money to watch films like *Charas - A Joint Effort* in the cinema hall. I have been a fan of writers – from the booze-stained streets of Bukowski, to the sterile walls of Murakami, to the magically lit-up corridors of Rowling. On special days, I have even rooted for Venkatpathy Raju bowling to an in-form Brian Lara. I have been a fan of filmmakers, YouTubers, and chefs. In fact, it's rather easy for me to become somebody's fan. When I discovered that our apartment security guard used to swig a quarter of brandy every night – I became a fan! But to be a fan of a politician? That is laughably stupid.

If cinema is a mirror of our society, the representation of politicians in our films should give you a clue. Till a few years ago, politicians in our movies were depicted as evil, cruel and crude. At the beginning of the film, they would mention their Statement of Purpose – of either looting the land of poor farmers, or 'spreading drugs in the veins of the nation'. Probably for the first time in the history of our nation, we have had a movie made on a prime minister – while he's in office! We often laugh at Nehru receiving the Bharat Ratna while being the PM himself, but this is no less ridiculous.

It's not just our prime minister – chief ministers of various states have 'fans' across the nation - who vociferously defend their leaders and shut down criticism. Our role in a democracy is to remain vigilant and critical. If you voted for the party, then even more so. Sometimes we forget that this is a democracy we are a part of, not a Pro-Wrestling League!

The effects of this fandom are clearly visible. As the nation is rocked by the worst national crisis in three decades, we have not had a single interview given by the Prime Minister. We are comfortably accustomed to the idea that our prime minister does not address questions by journalists, and it does not even strike us as constitutionally absurd. We are running around either as fanboys or haters slinging mud or dousing fire. And that is supremely tragic.

If our democracy must truly prosper, we must stop being fans of politicians, and instead become auditors - holding them responsible for fulfilling their tasks. I must go buy groceries now, dear reader. I just hope I don't find a politician's sticker in a packet of chips!

(The author's views are his own)

Murphy will ride high on love, emotions

Prabhu Mundkur and Roshni Prakash

Prabhu Mundkur, along with director Pradeep Varma, has completed the first schedule in Mangaluru, and is waiting to resume shooting in Goa

A SHARADHAA

MURPHY, starring Prabhu Mundkur and helmed by *Urvi* director B S Pradeep Varma, has completed 30 per cent of the shoot in Mangaluru. They plan to film the rest of the portions in various locations of Goa with the two female leads. While Roshni Prakash, who made her debut with Hemanth M Rao's *Kavaludaari*, has replaced Nishvika Naidu as the film's heroine, the movie also marks the debut of Illa Veermalla who is part of the lead cast. Actor Prabhu Mundkur, who has co-written the script of *Murphy*, says that the film went on floors from April 2, in Mangaluru, and has completed the first schedule on April 15. "Shooting for parts of the film set in a college has been completed. We had planned to resume shooting in Goa for a month, which was supposed to begin from May 3. Now, that stands postponed by a month or more depending on the pandemic situation," says the actor and writer, who shared the first few stills of the film with us.

According to Prabhu, the title bears the family name, and he plays the role of David Murphy, while Dattanna plays the role of his grandfather, Richard. The film, which will feature the lead actor in two shades, has two different timelines. "The USP of the film is love and emotions, and how memories are expressed. That's one of the reasons we chose to shoot against the backdrop of old structures, which are between 150 years and 400 years old," he says.The film, produced by Somanna under the banner Gowri Entertainments, will have Arjun Janya scoring the music. "The music director is coming up with a peppy number. The song is titled *Mogachi*, the lyrics for which are currently being finalised. It will be a mix of Kodava and Spanish," he says. The dialogues of *Murphy* have been penned by the director Naveen Reddy, and has cinematographer Anand Sunderesha cranking the camera.

Director B S Pradeep Varma and team

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Illa Veermalla in *Murphy*

SHILAJIT MITRA

A LITLE girl takes a last look at the house she grew up in. Another confesses to murder. A boy breaks down before his obsessive, hard-handed father. A son snaps at his mother in a cramped chawl. And a young boy keeps his chin up in the toughest of spots.

These are just some of my favourite images from Hindi cinema of the last one year or so. Incredibly, they all feature actors below the age of 16. A bunch of talented child and teen actors are gradually taking over Bollywood. I've chosen a few — Ananya Dwivedi (*Gulabo Sitabo*), Inayat Verma (*Ajeeb Daastaans, Ludo*), Aakshath Das (*Mersal, Serious Men*), Sachin Chaudhary (*Bombay Begums, Pagglait*), Lydian Nadhaswaram (*Atkan Chatkan*) — but the list is huge.

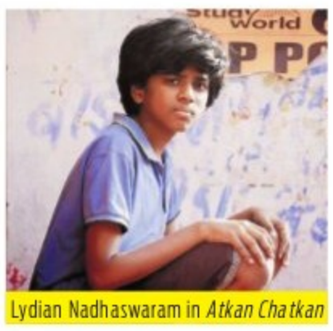
If you grew up in the 90s, you will remember Omkar Kapoor, Kunal Keemu, Sana Saeed and others as the popular child stars of the day. Many of them went on to chart uneven careers as adults. What separates their lot from the present batch? More precisely, how tough — or easy — is life for the young performers of today?

An obvious place to begin is the sheer intensity of the dramatic scenes these kids find themselves in. I'd like to begin with a small, but memorable scene in *Bombay Begums*. In the Netflix series, Amruta Subhash plays a single mother struggling to raise her son. The boy, played by teen actor Sachin Chaudhary, has been in an accident and injured his foot — something his mother is milking for money. In a fit of rage, she calls him a 'snake', a burden on her existence. Sachin is aghast at first, then limps out of the room on crutches. "You should have killed me in your stomach," he tells her bluntly.

I ask Sachin how he pulled off a tense scene like that (his simmering anger seems to burn up the room). He tells me he didn't get it right the first time. "I wasn't feeling angry enough, so I asked Amruta ma'am to scold me as hard as she could." That did the trick.

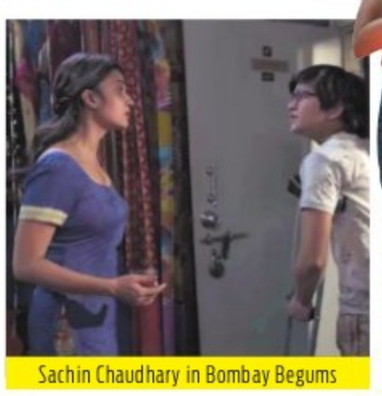
Sachin, 14, moved from Jaipur to Mumbai in 2018. He has appeared in films like Atkan Chatkan and Bala, and as young Pankaj Tripathi in Sacred Games. Besides Bombay Begums, he's delightful in Pagglait, as the young boy tailing his distant cousin. As she moves away from him, he gives a 'hero shot' by biting on a cucumber. "I didn't plan it," Sachin laughs over the phone. "It just came out in the flow."

Nine-year-old Inayat Verma impressed in the Abhishek Bachchan track in *Ludo*. You would've seen her recently in *Ajeeb Daastaans* (2021), in the short film titled *Khilauna*. *Inayat* stars as Nushrratt Bharuccha's spooky younger sister, and provides the film's final twist. I ask her if she knew where the whole thing was headed (nowhere pretty, even if you hate babies). Turns out, she totally did, and was all the more kicked for it. "I love horror films and this was kind of in a similar space," Inayat tells us matter-of-factly. Her favourite horror movie of all time? Andy Muschietti's It.


Lydian Nadhaswaram in *Atkan Chatkan*

Ananya Dwivedi in *Gulabo Sitabo*

Child and teen actors are taking over Bollywood, and they won't be talked down to


Sachin Chaudhary in Bombay Begums

Inayat Verma in *Ajeeb Dastaans*

The Amruta-Sachin confrontation in *Bombay Begums* is similar to a scene in *Serious Men*. In the 2020 film, Nawazuddin Siddiqui stars as a Dalit man hawking his son as a genius. He spends the entire film feeding scientific trivia to his boy, who is unable to cope. Near the end, we see Adi (Aakshath Das) go off the edge, compulsively reading out his lessons as he weeps.

As I watched that scene, I was certain those were real tears streaming down from that boy. My guess turned out to be true. "My mother and I have a secret," Chennai-based Aakshath reveals, sounding much like his character from *Serious Men*. "Every time I need to cry on screen, she tells me something and I instantly start crying." But he does not reveal what she says — a mistake Adi makes in the film.

A widely-held assumption about acting is that it stems from personal experience, something child actors seemingly lack. But that's not the case. Children are often far more perceptive than hardened adults. What they lack in experience is made up for by a freshness of memory.

I was reminded of this distinction while talking to Ananya Dwivedi, who played Ayushmann Khurrana's youngest sister Neetu in *Gulabo Sitabo*. Shoojit Sircar's film ends with a dilapidated Lucknow mansion being sealed off by authorities. As the last of the tenants fill out, we see Neetu standing by for a final look. I nearly choked up watching that scene, having spent my early childhood moving in and out of rented homes.

Ananya, whose family has lived between Kanpur, Lucknow and Mumbai, knows that feeling well. "The pain of letting go of your house, your friends... I could understand what Neetu was feeling," the 11-year-old says.

Even at their age, many of these kids didn't start out wanting to be in films. Both Sachin and Inayat came up from reality shows. Aakshath shot for his first cover photo at the age of two (he was later cast as young Vijay in *Mersal*). 15-year-old Lydian Nadhaswaram came to international fame as a multi-instrumentalist before making his acting debut in *Atkan Chatkan* (2020). The son of Tamil composer Varshan Satish, Lydian was brilliant in Shiv Hare's film about a street urchin who starts his own band

My character, *Guddu*, is obsessed with the rhythmic aspects of music," Lydian says. "It's something I could instantly connect to." In a quietly wrenching scene, we feel Guddu's disappointment as a group of musicians promise to take him in but bail the next day. "I know what it's like to be rejected as a young musician," Lydian adds.

It's clear by now how much these performers care for authenticity. The precocious young girl in *Once Upon A Time In Hollywood* would find a kindred spirit in Aakshath, who regrets not getting to bang his head for real for a scene in *Serious Men*. Sachin emphasises 'feeling for a character' over superficial gimmicks. He names Joaquin Phoenix and Leonardo DiCaprio — once prodigious child stars themselves — as masters of this craft. "I loved Leo in What's Eating Gilbert Grape," he tells me

This push for realism isn't decorative either. Sometimes, it can put viewers in the presence of uncomfortable truths. A bunch of films featuring children has centered on violence, abuse, and gender dysphoria. Horror films tend to find imperiled kids as their leads. In March, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) wrote to Netflix India to stop streaming Bombay Begums, acting on a complaint that the show portrayed minors inappropriately. To anyone who's watched the show, the complaint barely made sense. Instead, it seemed to stem from the same discomfort of watching children in extreme or unfamiliar situations.

The kids I spoke to for this story said they are up for any kind of challenge. Their parents are game too — provided scripts are shared in advance and transparency is maintained. If a scene or shot starts to feel fishy, they are willing to back out. "I don't agree to anything I don't feel comfortable with as a parent," Ananya's mom says. While many monitor their child's viewing habits, others are more forthcoming in their approach. "I let him watch all kinds of cinema," Sachin's uncle and mentor tells me. "Children are generally aware of most things in life, so it's best not to hide them."

What the guardians seem agreed on is the standard of pay. Unlike before, child actors are hired on contract, with fixed remunerations. "The pay is good," one parent says. Schools are willing to work around shooting schedules; if there's an exam clashing, exceptions are made. Online classes have reduced the pressure of running to sets in school uniforms. Since the lockdown, film sets have avoided kids under 10, though television shoots were on.

As I spoke to these kids, I was thrilled by the love and passion they showed for their craft. I was speaking to thorough professionals, I told myself. It was only towards the end of my conversations that I realised my mistake. These are just kids, I figured, and though they may enjoy or understand acting deeply, they are still just starting out. Except for Sachin, none of them have decided on a future career in movies. "I want to pursue my first passion – music," Lydian says. "I want to go for IAS," says Ananya, and my heart breaks a little. Like any well-meaning film lover, I was pinning my hope on these kids. But it's best to just let them be

The children's film by debutant director Suresh Lakkoor gets an entry in the panel screening and final selection

Devarakanasu makes its way to Cannes Film Festival

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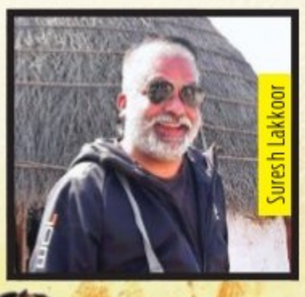
SURESH Lakkoor is elated that his directorial debut *Devarakanasu*, a children's film, has got an entry to participate in the panel screening and final selection of the Cannes Film Festival. "The screening for invitees will take place on May 30 and the festival screening will begin from July 6 and will go on till July 17," says the first-time director who has done a film making course from New York Film Academy and an advanced diploma in acting from Barry John School of Acting. His experience comes from assisting various directors in Mumbai and has also been part of television commercials. The story of *Devarakanasu*, written by Sunil Ram, is also produced by C Jayakumar and C Shakher.

"It was my wish to debut my film career with a children's movie which has been fulfilled with *Devarakanasu*," says Suresh, who has shot the entire film in rustic and realistic locations of Chintamani. "This children's film highlights the innocence of a village boy, and his struggle for livelihood. It brings in elements of Swacha Bharat, women empowerment issues and alcoholic abuse, all of which are finely knitted in a storytelling mode. It also brings the essence of culture and the true life of a village," he says.

Devarakanasu star cast includes child artistes Deepak and Amulya who play the leads along with Youvaraj Kini, Arushi Vedika, Mani, Roopa, and Vijay Rakesh in the cast. The film's music, scored by Sandy Sandallow, has dialogues and lyrics penned by Lingaraj Itihasa. DoP Ratnajit Roy has handled the cinematography of Devarakanasu.


Suresh Lakkoor

A still from Devarakanasu

Drishyam 2 to get a Hindi remake

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PANORAMA Studios International has snapped up the Hindi remake rights of the Malayalam hit film *Drishyam 2: The Resumption*.

Drishyam, starring Mohanlal, has been remade in a record number of languages, including in Hindi in 2015. After the success of *Drishyam 2: The Resumption*, the production house is all set to create a Hindi version of it.

Kumar Mangat Pathak from Panorama Studio International says, "With the huge success of *Drishyam 2*, the story needs to be told with passion and commitment, and we as Producers are committed to that."

Set six years after the events of the original, *Drishyam 2* follows Georgekutty trying to shield his family from the aftermath of that fateful night. The film is currently being remade in Telugu by original director Jeethu Joseph, and in Kannada version starring Ravichandran, will be directed by P Vasu.

Malayalam producer Antony Perumbavoor says, "We are happy that Panorama Studios International has acquired the rights for Drishyam 2 and I am certain the Production house will justify the film."

A still from the film